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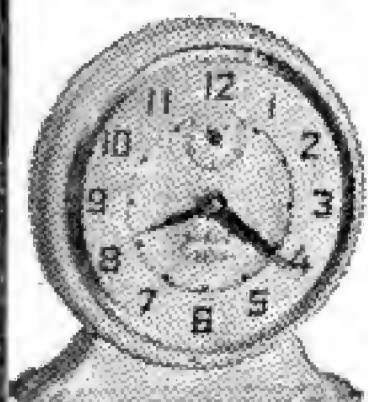
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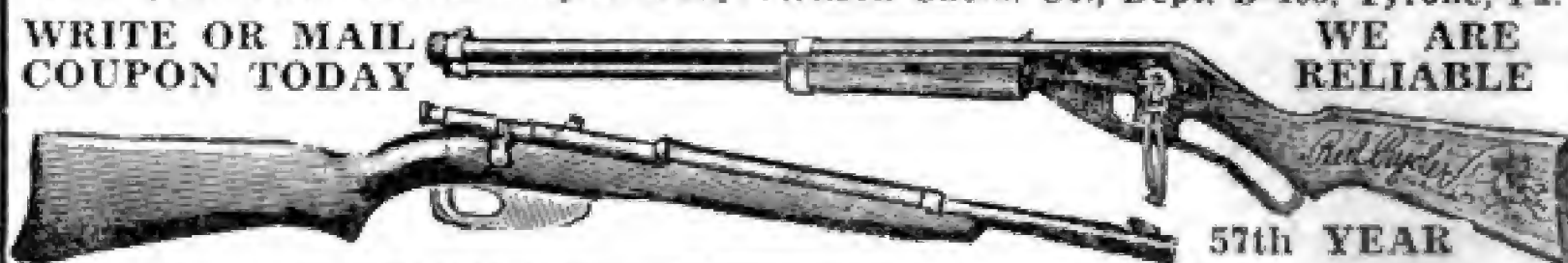
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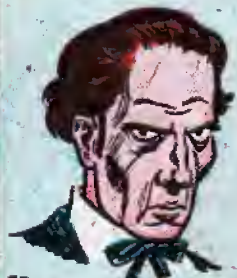
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DO YOU BELIEVE IN VAMPIRES? I DIDN'T UNTIL SOMEONE DROPPED MY CLIENT WITH A SILVER BULLET! AFTER THAT I WAS ALMOST READY TO BELIEVE ANYTHING, BECAUSE SUDDENLY I FOUND MYSELF WADING KNEE DEEP IN GHOULS AND HUMAN VULTURES! I WAS NEVER MORE CLOSER TO THE SCREAMING MEEMIES THAN THE NIGHT I GOT TAGGED AS A PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMER FOR...

"THE VAMPIRE MOB!"

STEPHAN MAGLOR



He was a vampire on-stage-but offstage somebody else drew first blood!

BELA MAGLOR



Stephan's brother! A batty guy... but maybe vampirism was a family taint!

ROSA JANOS



She had an angle.. and her curves weren't bad either!

THE MYSTERY KILLER



He put Stephan on his "Drop Dead" list!

TROUBLE CAME IN THE FIRST MAIL THAT MORNING, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN!

A NOTE...AND FREE DUCATS TO THE OPENING OF "DRACULA" TONIGHT!

BRRR! THE OPUS ABOUT VAMPIRES? NO, THANKS, IF I WANT A CHILL I CAN ALWAYS SIT ON AN ICE CUBE!

THE NOTE'S FROM STEFAN MAGLOR, THE ACTOR! HE WANTS YOU TO COME BACKSTAGE AFTER THE PLAY... TO TALK BUSINESS ABOUT HIRING YOU AS HIS BODY-GUARD!

NEVER LET IT BE SAID KEN SHANNON TURNED DOWN SOMEONE WHO NEEDED HIS STRONG RIGHT ARM!

MY GIRL FRIDAY, DEE DEE DAWSON, GAVE ME THE FACTS WHEN WE ANKLED TO THE THEATRE THAT NIGHT!

MAGLOR JUST CAME HERE FROM A BALKAN COUNTRY! HE'S FAMOUS OVER THERE FOR HIS ACTING OF DRACULA! HE DOES THE PART SO WELL, SOME PEOPLE REALLY BELIEVE HE IS A VAMPIRE!

AFTER SEEING THE GUY IN ACTION, EVEN I BEGAN TO FEEL THE GUY WAS ALMOST TOO GOOD IN THE PART!

BLOOD! I MUST HAVE FRESH BLOOD THIS NIGHT!

EEEE!

THIS BULLET ENDS YOUR INFAMOUS CAREER, COUNT DRACULA... FOR ONLY A SILVER BULLET CAN KILL A VAMPIRE!

AGHHH!

BRRR! I'VE GOT GOOSE-PIMPLES THE SIZE OF GRAPEFRUITS!

WATCHING THAT GHOUL TAKE BOWS MAKES ME FEEL LIKE BOWING OUT OF THIS CASE! I SURE GET THE DARNDDEST CLIENTS!

THE THEATRE WAS PRACTICALLY EMPTY WHEN MAGLOR FINALLY SENT WORD HE'D SEE US! HE OPENED HIS DRESSING ROOM DOOR... AND WHAMO! I HAD ONE DEAD CLIENT!

BLAM!

UHHH!

JUMPIN' JONAH! HE'S BEEN SHOT!



I REALIZED TOO LATE THE CAGY KILLER HAD DONE IT JUST TO GET ME OFF GUARD... BECAUSE SOMETHING SUDDENLY SHORTED MY CIRCUITS!

WHEN MY LIGHTS WENT ON AGAIN, DEE DEE WAS BLUBBERING OVER ME...

SNIFF: I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M BAWLING! SNIFF: I SHOULD'VE KNOWN NOTHING COULD DENT THAT THICK SKULL OF YOURS! SNIFF:

STOP WHISPERING SWEET NOthings AND TELL ME WHAT'S WITH THE MASKED MARVEL!

HE SCRAMMED THE SAME WAY HE CAME IN... THROUGH THAT ROOF DOOR!

THAT GUY CERTAINLY HAD HIS STRATEGY MAPPED OUT! WELL, RIGHT NOW WE BETTER CALL THE LAW AND TELL 'EM WE'VE GOT A CUSTOMER FOR THE MORGUE!

LATER, I WAS CLOSETED WITH MY PAL, DETECTIVE-LIEUTENANT ART CLYDE, AND SPILLING THE WHOLE STORY, WHEN THE MEDICAL EXAMINER WALKED IN...

WHAT'S WRINKLING YOUR BROW, DOC?

THAT SLUG I TOOK OUT OF MAGLOR'S BODY! AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS THE USUAL LEAD SLUG, BUT IT'S NOT!



IT'S PURE SILVER!

HUH?



A SILVER BULLET! THE KILLER MUST BE RICH AS AN INDIAN PRINCE IF HE CAN AFFORD TO GO AROUND SHOOTING SILVER SLUGS!

MAYBE HE HAD A GOOD REASON FOR USING THAT KIND OF BULLET!



REMEMBER... ONLY A SILVER BULLET CAN KILL A VAMPIRE!

WHOA, DEE DEE! ARE YOU OFF YOUR TROLLEY? THAT'S JUST FAIRY TALE BUNKUM!

SURE!



LET'S FACE FACTS! A LOT OF PEOPLE ACTUALLY BELIEVED STEFAN MAGLOR WAS A VAMPIRE OFFSTAGE, TOO! MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN IT AWAY BY CALLING IT SUPERSTITION... BUT YOU STILL HAVEN'T EXPLAINED WHY HE WAS SHOT WITH A SILVER BULLET!



KEN SHANNON

THE STORY MADE HEADLINES!
NEWSPAPER CIRCULATIONS
REALLY WENT UP THAT NIGHT!

Daily Star
**MAGLOR KILLED
BY SILVER BULLET**

**MAGLOR MEETS
SAME DEATH AS
IN DRACULA ROLE**

**HINT MAGLOR DEATH
WAS VAMPIRE SLAYING**

**WAS STEFAN
MAGLOR A
VAMPIRE?**

WHILE
THE
NEWS-
PAPERS
WERE
HAVING
FUN, I
DID
SOME
SNOOPING
INTO
MAGLOR'S
BACK-
GROUND!

MAGLOR KNEW
A GAL NAMED
ROSA JANOS!
HE USED TO BE
A PAL OF HERS
WHEN SHE LIVED
IN HIS NATIVE
COUNTRY! SHE
MIGHT HAVE SOME
MORE DOPE ON
THE GUY!

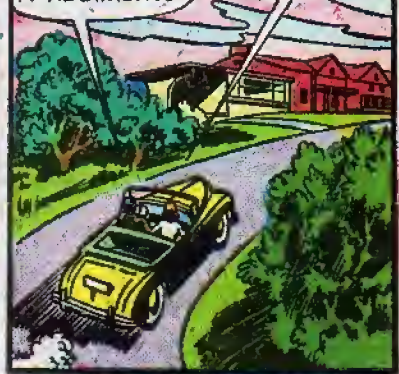
UH-HUH!
COULD'BE!
LET'S GO
OVER AND
QUIZ
HER!



I POURED ON THE COAL AND WE
SCOOTED OUT TO ROSA'S LITTLE
TEEPEE ON THE EDGE OF TOWN...

THAT LEAN-TO
LOOKS BIG
ENOUGH TO
ACCOMMODATE
A REGIMENT!

EITHER ROSA'S
IN THE CHIPS OR
HER BOY FRIEND
IS!



EEEE!
NO!
DON'T!

THAT WAS
A WOMAN'S
SCREAM!

YOU'RE TELLING ME!
COME ON...SHE
SOUNDED LIKE SHE
COULD USE A
HELPING HAND!



YOU KNOW WHY YOU
MUST DIE, DON'T YOU?
YOU KNOW WHY!

LET HER GO, BUSTER...
THE MARINES HAVE
ARRIVED!



THE
GUY
TURNED,
AND SO
HELP ME,
I LOOKED
RIGHT
SMACK
DAB
INTO
THE FACE
OF A MAN
I'D LAST
SEEN ON
A MORGUE
SLAB!

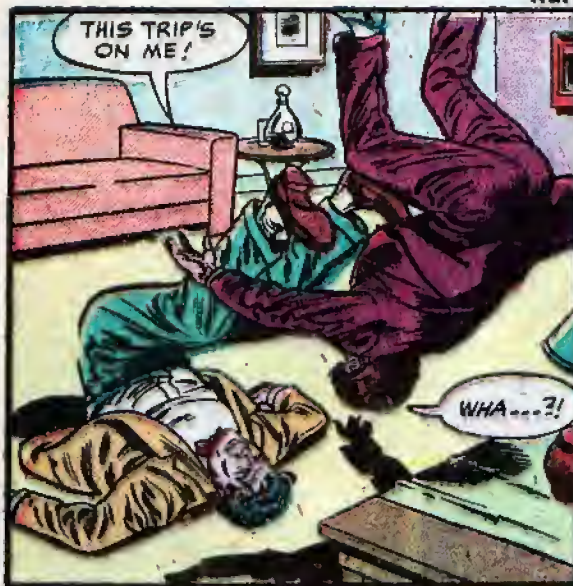
JUMPIN' JONAH!
IT'S MAGLOR!



YOU'RE ANOTHER
ONE! YOU'RE WORKING
WITH ROSA! VENGEANCE!
I MUST HAVE VENGEANCE!

HEY! GET THOSE
CHOPPERS
AWAY FROM
MY NECK!



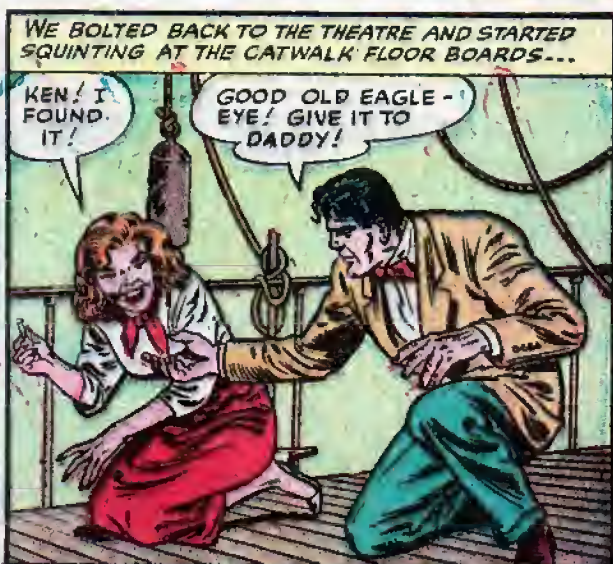
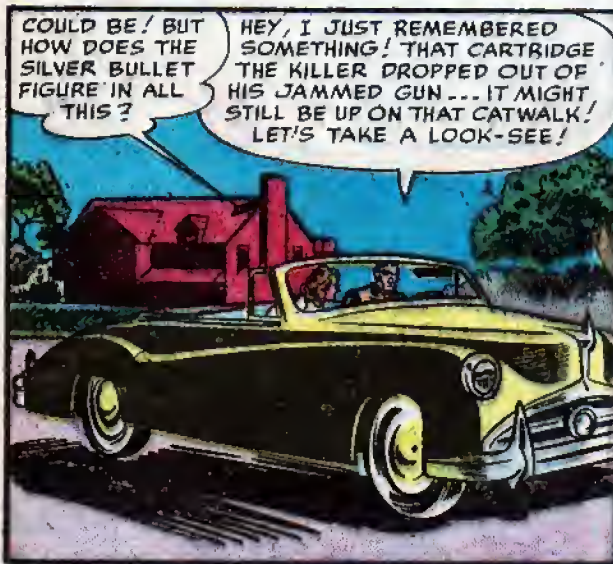


I DECIDED TO TAKE A FLYING JUMP AT MAGLOR, BUT HIS FOOT CAME UP AND CHANGED MY MIND!

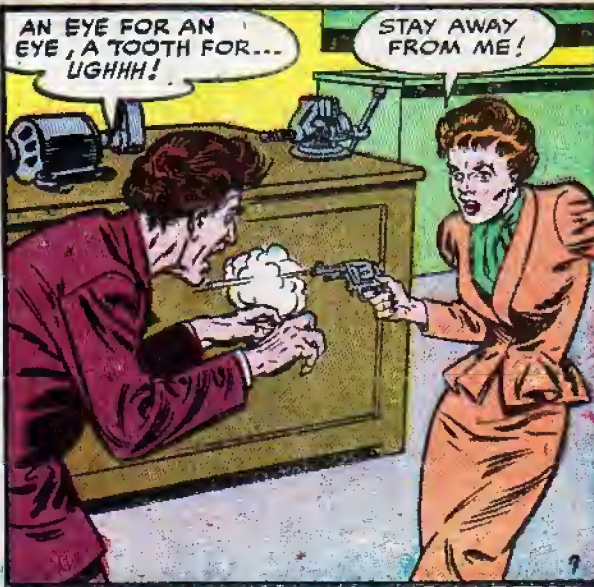
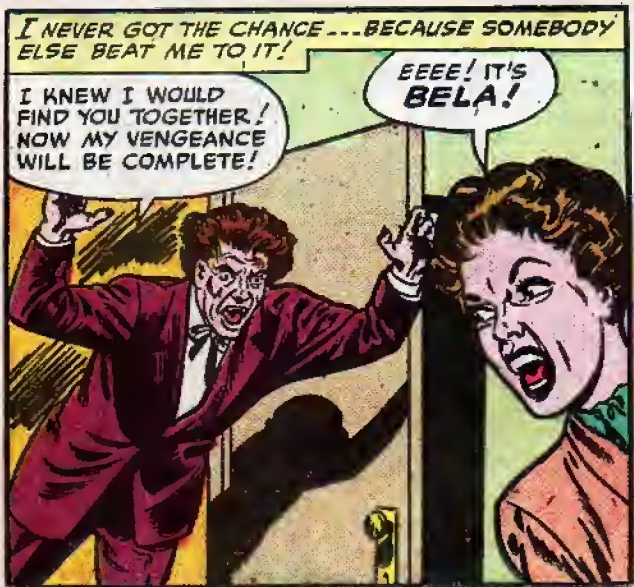


SUDDENLY MAGLOR HAD ENOUGH OF MY BRAND OF FIGHT! HE DID AN ABOUT-FACE AND TOOK OFF!





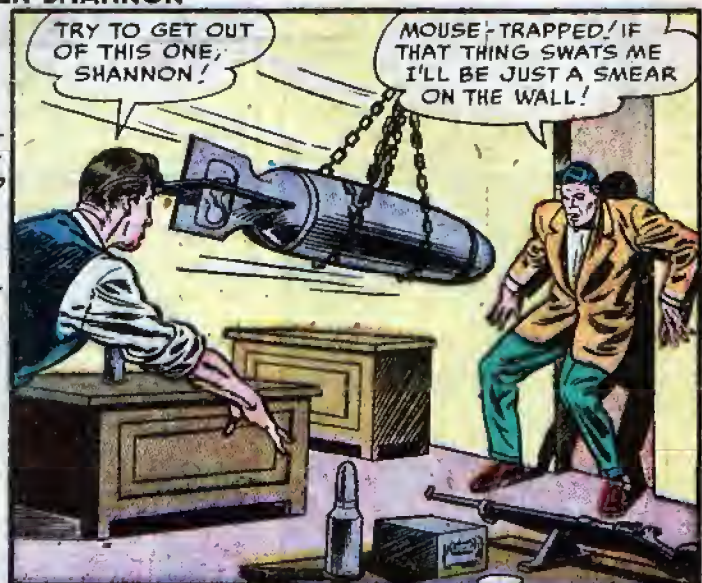






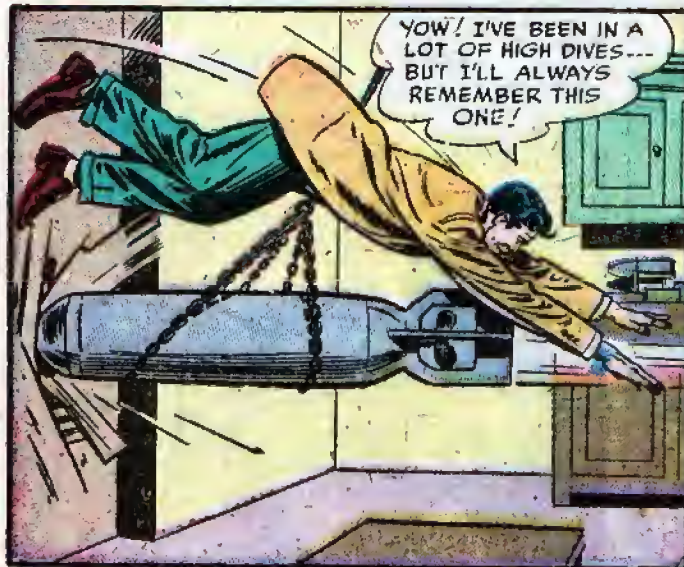
THAT'S SOMETHING I OWE YOU!

I LIT AFTER MILO, BUT SUDDENLY HE SHOVELED HARD ON A TORPEDO SHELL AND SENT THE HUGE AMMO SWINGING RIGHT AT ME!



TRY TO GET OUT OF THIS ONE, SHANNON!

MOUSE-TRAPPED! IF THAT THING SWATS ME I'LL BE JUST A SMEAR ON THE WALL!



YOW! I'VE BEEN IN A LOT OF HIGH DIVES... BUT I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS ONE!



YOU MADE YOUR BID, MILO... BUT YOU COULDN'T FOLLOW THROUGH!



KEN! KEN!

VENGEANCE! THE 'MAGLORS ALWAYS PAY THEIR DEBTS!



BEFORE I COULD DO ANYTHING BOTH SLUMPED TO THE FLOOR!

OH, KEN... THEY'RE DEAD! BOTH OF THEM!

EASY, BABY... EASY!

I CALLED LIEUTENANT CLYDE TO TAKE OVER! I'D HAD MY FILL OF THE MESS!



WHAT DID YOU TOSS AWAY, KEN?

A SILVER BULLET, HONEY! IT MAY BE VALUABLE, BUT ALL IT EVER BOUGHT ANYBODY WAS A LOT OF GRIEF!

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133. Ladies' solitaire ring. Large brilliant simulated diamond in center, 6 smaller stones. Yellow or white gold color effect.



128. Men's birthstone ring. Large beautiful stone in red, ruby, green, emerald, blue, sapphire, etc. 10 Kt gold color on Sterling Silver mounting.



105. Ladies' wedding ring. 10 brilliant simulated diamonds. 1/30 14Kt gold or Sterling Silver.



120. Men's massive Sterling Silver signet ring. Suitable for engraving initials.



169. Ladies' engagement solitaire ring. Large brilliant diamond, 2 smaller stones. 1/20 14Kt gold or 1/30 14Kt RGP.



156. Men's massive "Good Luck" watch chain ring. 4-head clever white or yellow gold color effect.



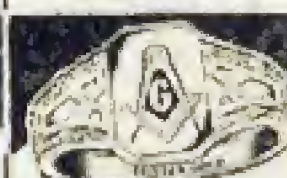
146. Ladies' dinner ring. Gorgeous large simulated diamond and many smaller stones. Sterling Silver.



134. "Very Special" A GENUINE diamond Ladies' solitaire ring. 10Kt solid yellow gold mounting.



172. Men's massive cameo ring. Simulated diamond in center. White gold color effect. Also in Ladies' size.



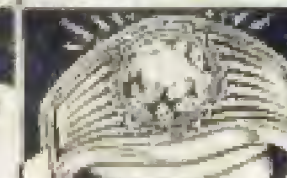
112. Men's exquisite Malabar ring. 1/20 12Kt yellow gold filled or Sterling Silver or 1/30 14Kt RGP.



130. Men's ring. Unique design. 1 large stone with 6 smaller stones. Yellow or white gold color effect. Sterling Silver.



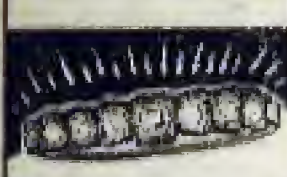
162. Ladies' exquisite engagement ring. Large brilliant simulated diamond. Sterling Silver.



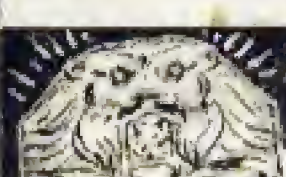
119. Men's ring. Large brilliant simulated diamond. Massive gold color effect mounting.



157. Men's beautiful heart cameo ring. Large 3-toned faced cameo. Sterling Silver or 1/30 14Kt yellow or white gold color effect.



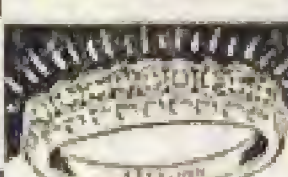
148. Ladies' wedding band. Matching brilliant simulated diamonds. White or yellow gold color effect.



163. Men's massive lion head ring. Large simulated diamond in mouth. 2 smaller red stones in eyes. 1/30 14Kt gold RGP.



115. Ladies' engagement ring. Large brilliant simulated diamond and many smaller stones. Unique top design. Sterling Silver.



116. Ladies' exquisite wedding ring. 4 or 7 matching simulated diamonds all around. Foxtail setting. Sterling Silver.



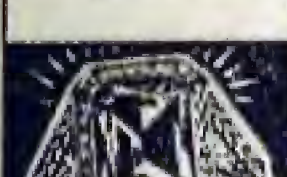
150. Ladies' engagement solitaire ring. Large brilliant simulated diamond, 6 smaller stones. Sterling Silver.



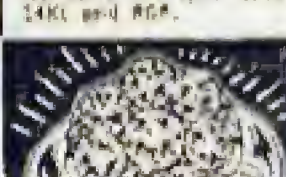
171. Ladies' engagement ring. Large brilliant simulated diamond, 4 smaller stones. 1/20 12Kt RGP.



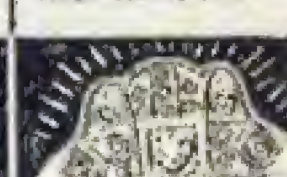
170. Ladies' wedding ring. Large brilliant simulated diamond. Matching simulated diamonds. 1/30 12Kt RGP.



127. Men's ring. Beautiful large about 4Kt-size ruby color stone. Stone comes in all colors. Sterling Silver.



141. Ladies' cluster dinner ring. A beautiful gem. 7 or 12 brilliant simulated diamonds. Pierced mounting. Sterling Silver or white gold color effect.



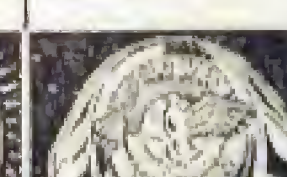
104. Ladies' gorgeous dinner ring. Brilliant simulated diamond, 6 medium-size and many smaller stones. Sterling Silver. Very rare with so many stones.



143. Men's massive and bold ring. 1/20 12Kt yellow gold filled or 1/30 14Kt RGP.



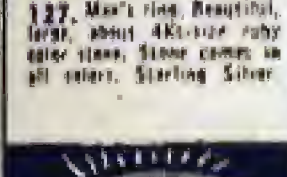
145. Ladies' fancy cocktail ring. Large simulated diamond, 12 white stones. Yellow gold color effect.



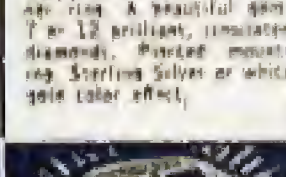
164. Men's massive set with diamond ring. Heavy Sterling Silver.



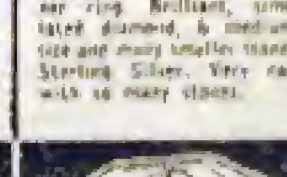
166. Men's beautiful western saddle design ring. Solid Sterling Silver or yellow gold color effect. Also in Ladies' size.



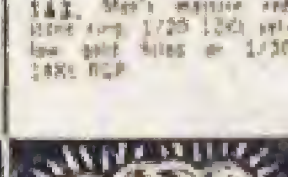
140. Men's large square ring. Simulated garnet ring. Yellow or white gold color effect.



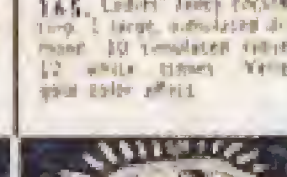
109. Men's signet ring with sparkling simulated diamond. Heavy yellow gold color effect mounting.



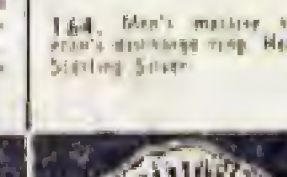
111. Men's Viking cameo ring. 10Kt gold top on solid Sterling Silver mounting.



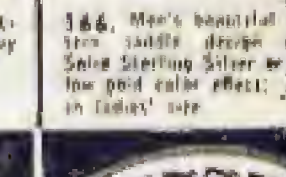
152. Sweetheart ring. 2 simulated rubies on center. Yellow gold color effect.



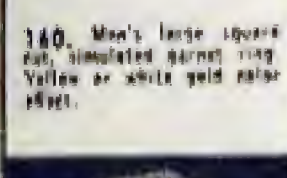
106. Men's solitaire ring. Large brilliant 2Kt-size simulated diamond. Fine heavy mounting.



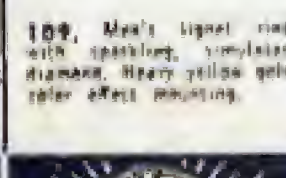
155. Men's Indian head ring. White gold color effect. Also in boys' sizes.



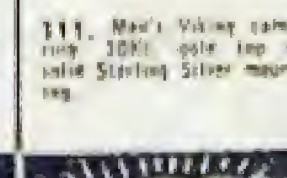
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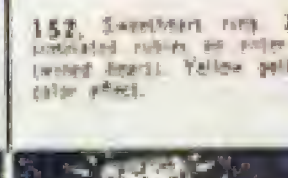
147. Massive compass ring. A handsome well-made ring in heavy white gold color effect.



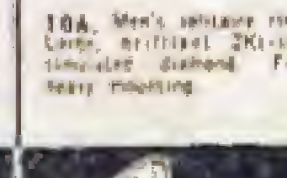
126. Men's extra large Egyptian head ring. Large simulated diamond and many smaller stones. Sterling Silver or white gold color effect.



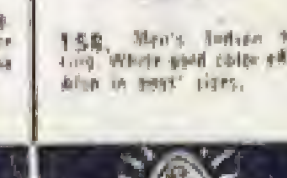
167. Ladies' exquisite cluster dinner ring. 3 large simulated diamonds and many smaller stones. Sterling Silver or white gold color effect.



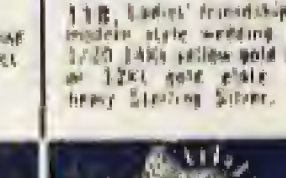
168. Ladies' exquisite engagement ring. 2 large brilliant simulated diamonds, 6 smaller stones. Sterling Silver or 1/30 14Kt gold.



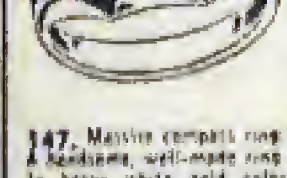
159. Ladies' or men's big set ring. 14Kt yellow or white gold color effect.



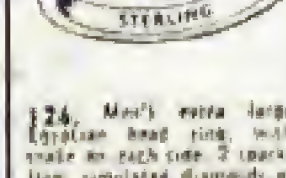
149. Ladies' dinner ring. Unique design. Large brilliant simulated diamond, about 10 smaller stones. White gold color effect or Sterling Silver. Ring also opens in oval shape design.



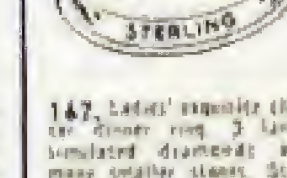
161. Ladies' dinner ring. Gorgeous peacock design. 16 sparkling simulated rubies, sapphires, emeralds. White or yellow gold color effect.



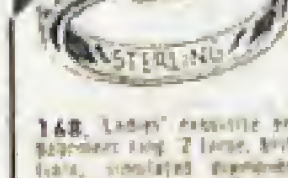
129. Men's solitaire ring. Brilliant simulated 1Kt or 2Kt-size diamond. Sterling Silver.



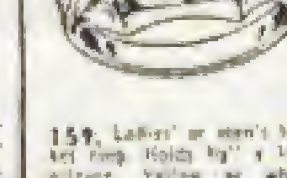
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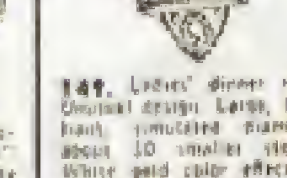
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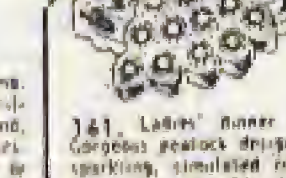
154. Ladies' birthstone ring. Gorgeous square cut 4Kt-size simulated emerald. Sterling Silver or white gold color effect. Stone comes in all colors.



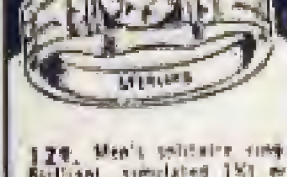
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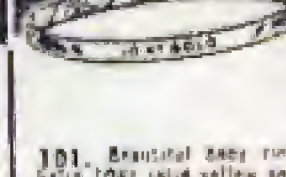
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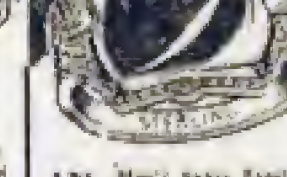
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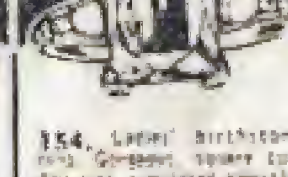
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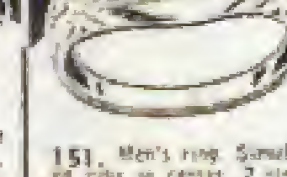
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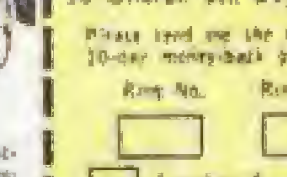
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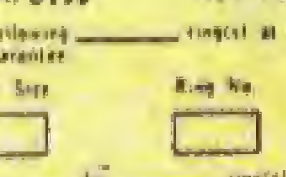
147. Men's massive ring. Large brilliant simulated diamond, 2 smaller stones. White gold color effect.



148. Men's massive ring. Large brilliant simulated diamond, 2 smaller stones. White gold color effect.



149. Ladies' dinner ring. Unique design. Large brilliant simulated diamond, about 10 smaller stones. White gold color effect or Sterling Silver. Ring also opens in oval shape design.



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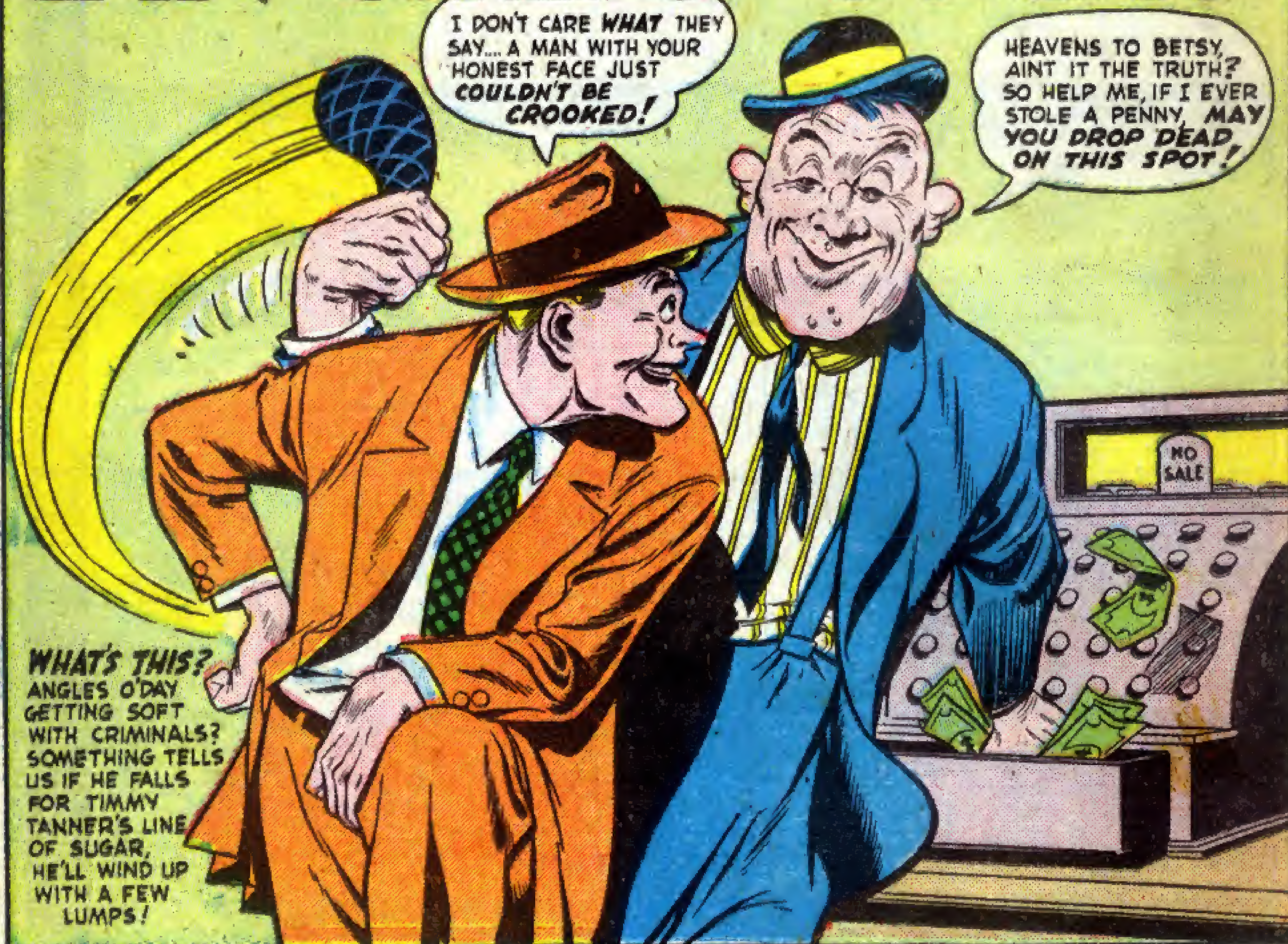
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FETCH MY SOCKS OUT OF POPO'S CASH REGISTER, SHAGMORE! AND SEE IF MY SHIRT ON THE LINE IS DRY!

OKAY, ANGLES! SURE THING!

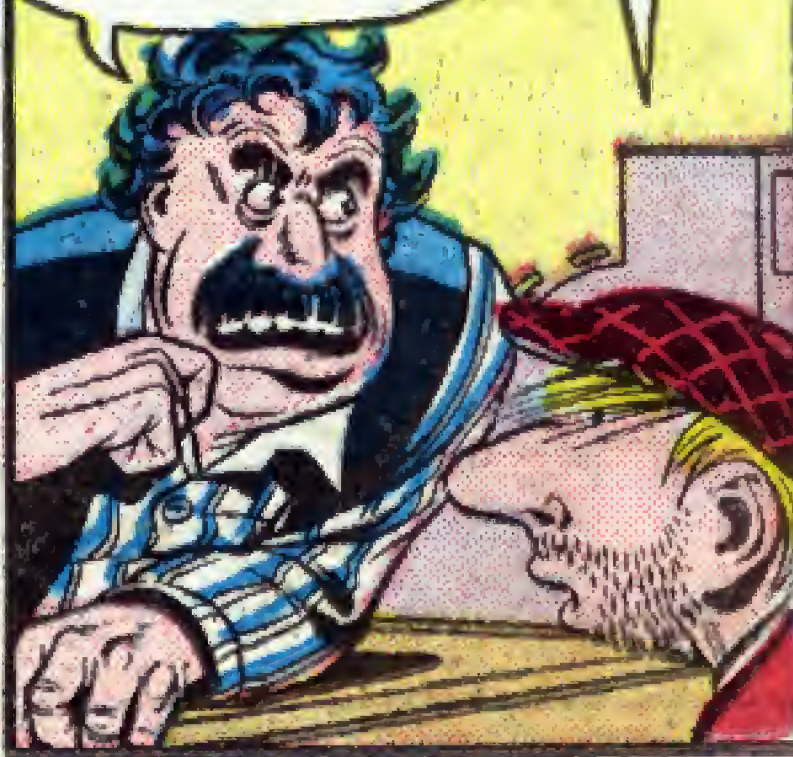
SHAGMORE, DO THIS! SHAGMORE, DO THAT!

THE WAY YOU ARE LETTING THAT BUM PUSHING YOU AROUND IS MAKING ME SICK TO HERE, YET! WHY DON'T YOU STANDING UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS? TELL HIM OFF!

I DUNNO... I JUST NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT! WHATEVER HE ASKS, I JUS' DO!

BUT MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT... MAYBE I OUGHTA HAVE A TALK WITH HIM! HE'S A GOOD EGG, BUT —

A ROTTEN EGG HE IS, AND THIS I'M SAYING OUT LOUD!



LOOK AT ME!... DO I LET HIM BOSS ME? DO I JUMP THROUGH HIS HOOP?

NO! NOT POPO! HERE'S A MAN! HERE'S A HERCULES! HERE'S HIS SOCKS!

POPO, YOU'VE WHIPPED ME TO A FROTH! I'M A **CHANGED MAN!** YOU'VE SEEN THE LAST OF THE OLD SHAGMORE! THE VERY NEXT TIME HE TRIES TO DICTATE, I'LL STAND RIGHT UP TO HIM AND SAY.....

SHAGMORE! WHERE'S MY SOCKS?

COMING, ANGLES, BOY! COMING!

DING!

NO SALE

SOON...

GOTTA DO IT NOW BEFORE I LOSE MY NERVE! GULP! HERE GOES....

ANGLES I WANT A WORD WITH YOU.....

NOT NOW, SHAGGY... LATER! WE'VE BEEN CALLED IN ON A CASE BY J.P. HIGGINS! AND WHERE THERE'S HIGGINS THERE'S MONEY! AND WHERE THERE'S MONEY THERE'S ME!

...THERE'S BEEN A SERIES OF ROBBERIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, MR. O'DAY AND I FEAR THE **HOUSE OF HIGGINS** MAY BE NEXT! SO I'M HIRING YOU TO GUARD THE FAMILY SILVER! BUT, PRAY TELL, WHO—OR **WHAT**—IS **THIS CREATURE?**

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT SHAGMORE, MR. HIGGINS! HE MAY BE A TRIFLE **UNSANITARY**, BUT HE'S SO HARMLESS!

UNSAN—! A MAN CAN TAKE JUST SO MUCH!

I SHALL RETIRE TO MY MILLION-DOLLAR BOUDOIR, NOW! IF YOU NEED ME, PULL THIS **GOLD CORD** WHICH RINGS THE **PLATINUM** BELL ABOVE MY **GEM-LADEN** BED!

REST EASY, SIR! WITH MY EYES AND SHAGGY'S (HA!) **EARS**, NO CROOK WILL GET WITHIN SMELLING-DISTANCE OF YOUR SILVER!

GXX!

WE'LL KEEP WATCH IN THE DARK! NOT BAD, EH?... EASY CHAIR, CHOCOLATES, LUXURIOUS SURROUNDINGS...! **AHHHHN—!**

NOW! YOU'RE GONNA LISTEN TO ME, SON! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR—YOUR— I MEAN—

AW, GEE I JUST CAN'T SAY IT! NOT TO YOU! WE'VE BEEN PALS TOO LONG AND I KNOW DEEP DOWN YOU'RE A GOOD JOE! BUT THE OTHER GUYS—NOW, PLEASE DON'T GET MAD—THE OTHER GUYS THINK YOU'RE A—A **LOUSE!** IF YOU'D ONLY SHOW THEM YOUR **GOOD SIDE**—BE A LITTLE MORE THOUGHTFUL, AND.....

AFTER A HALF-HOUR OF THIS...

...SO, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT A TRY?... **HEY! ANGLES!** HE'S **SOUND ASLEEP!!** NEVER HEARD A WORD! OH, WELL, I'M GLAD!... HE WASN'T HURT AND I GOT A LOAD OFF MY CHEST!

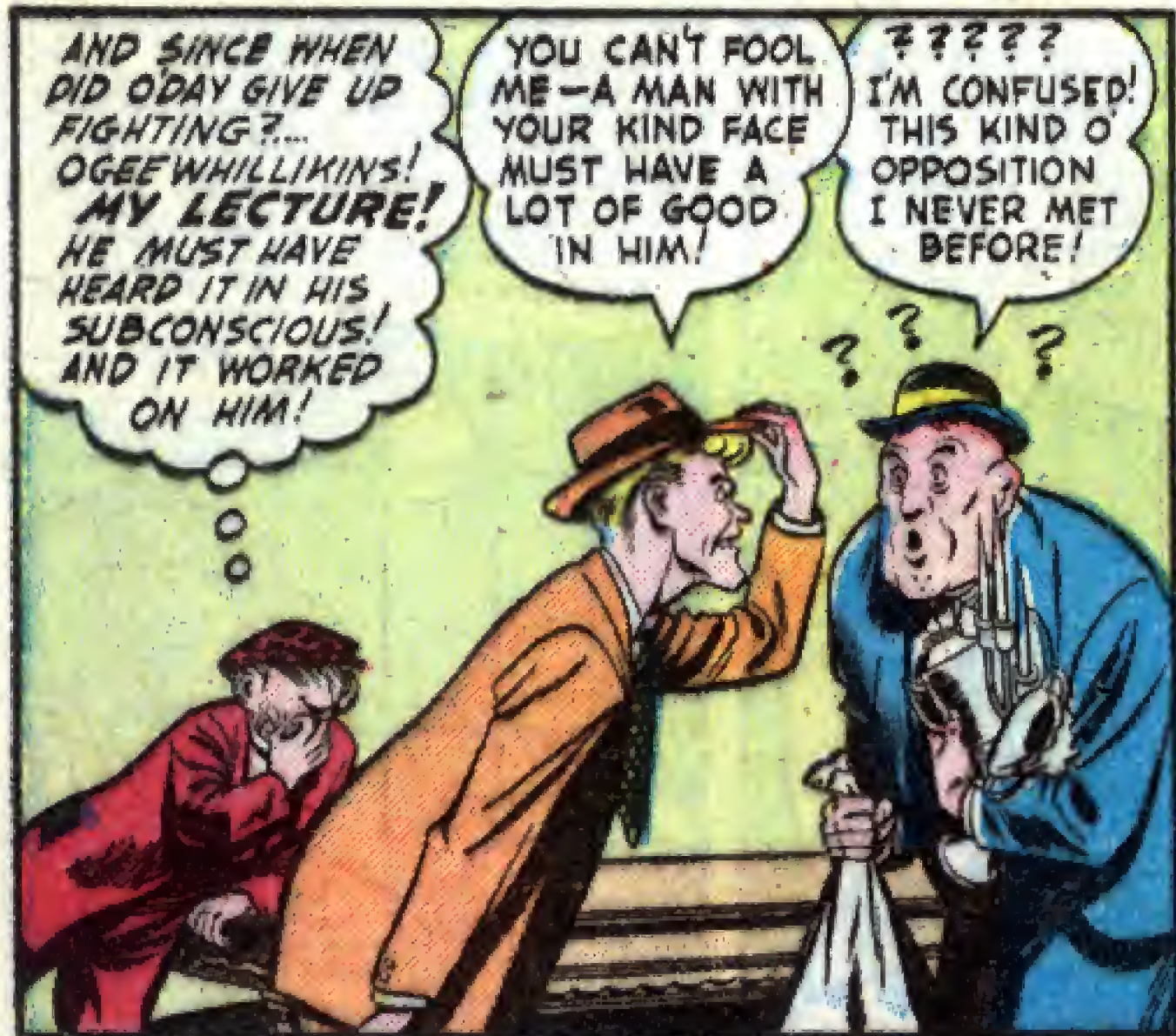
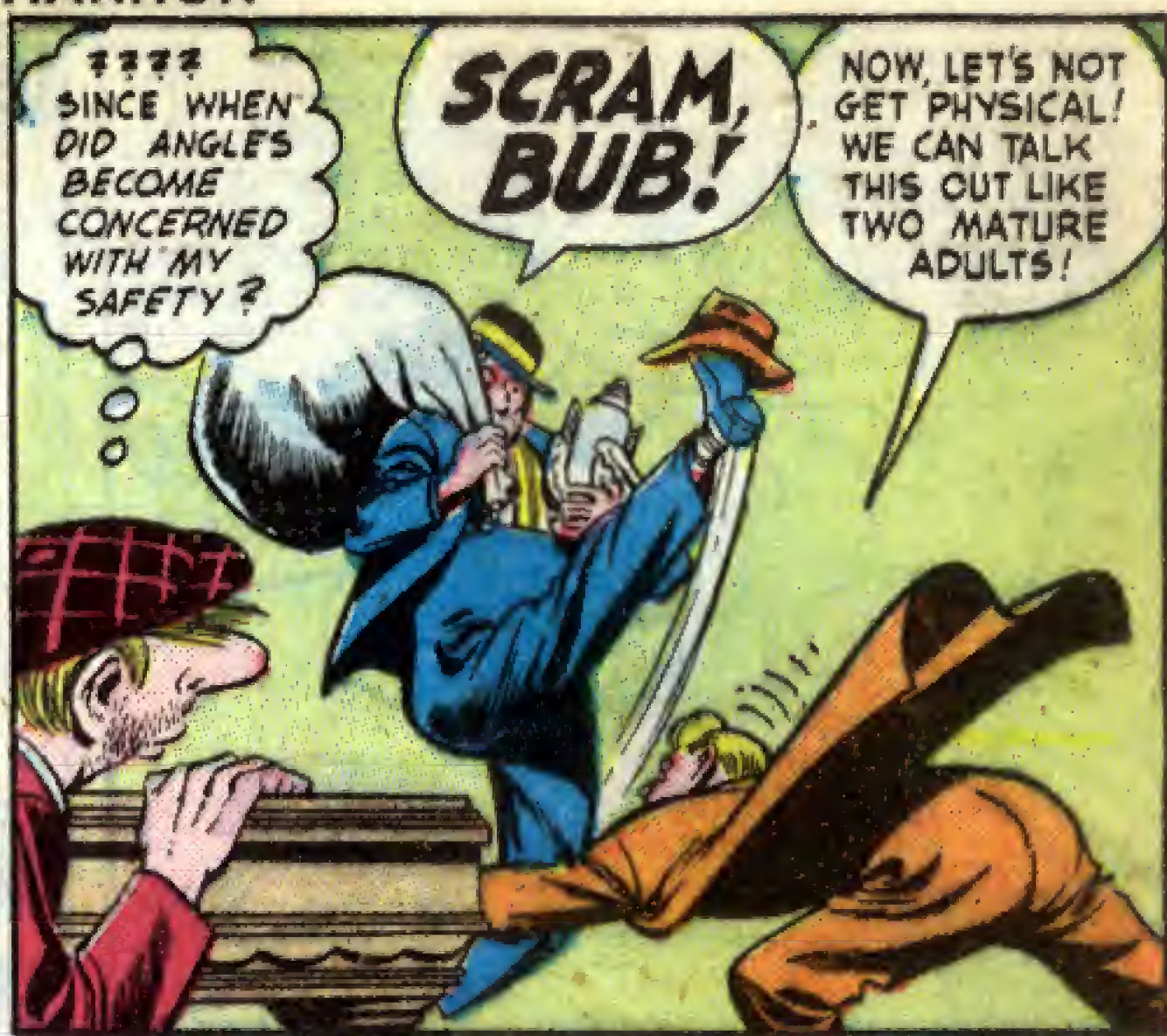
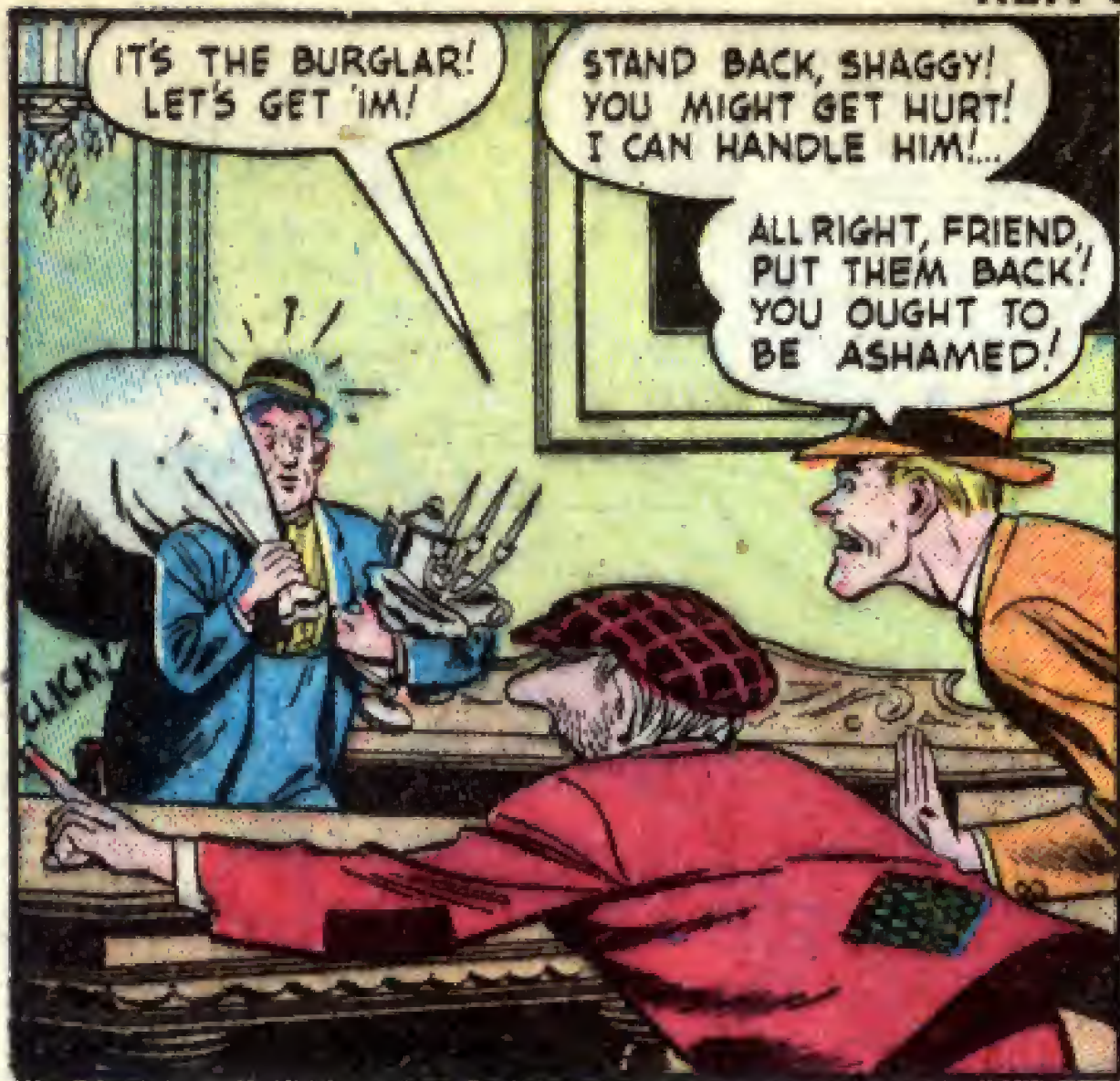
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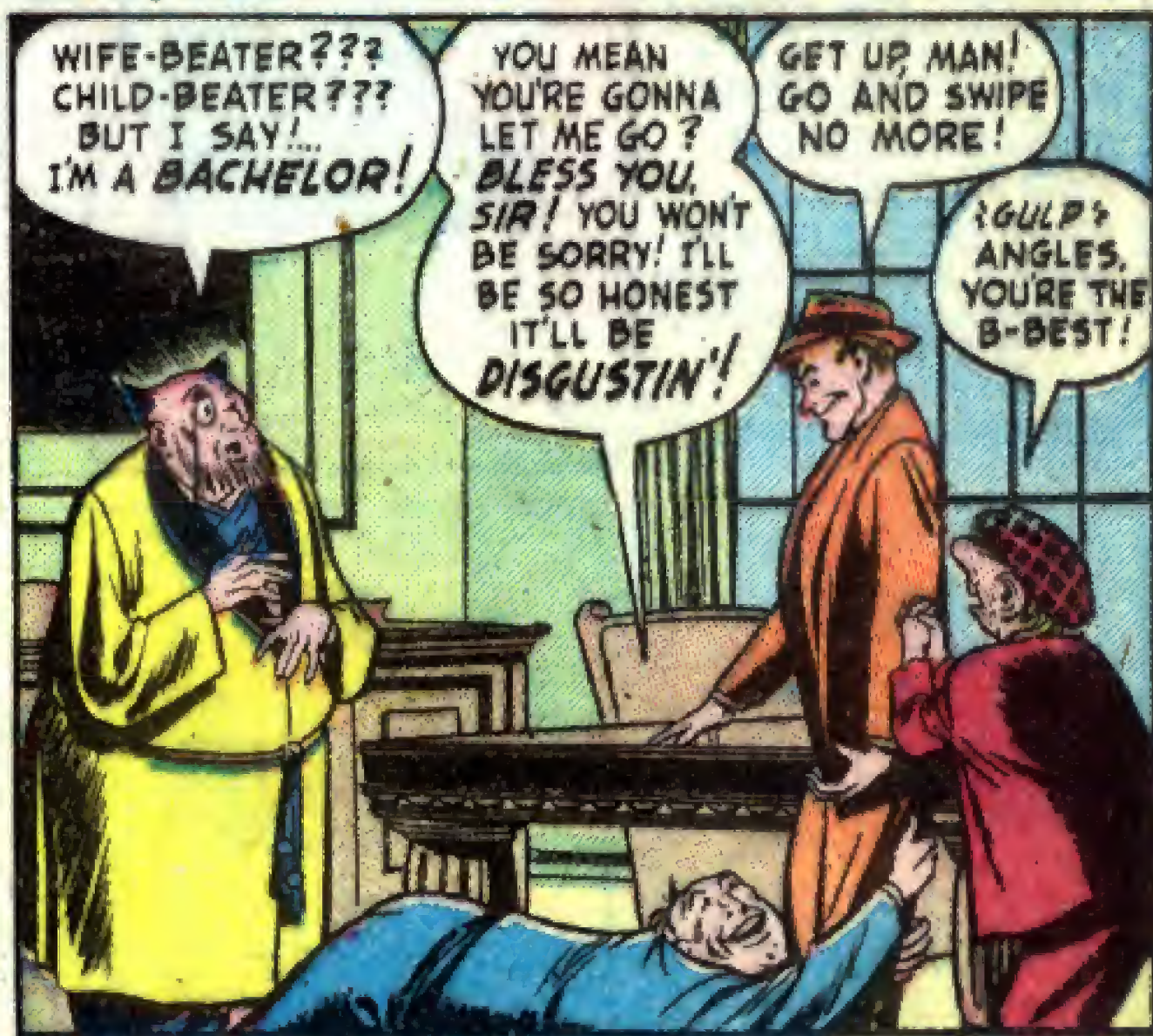
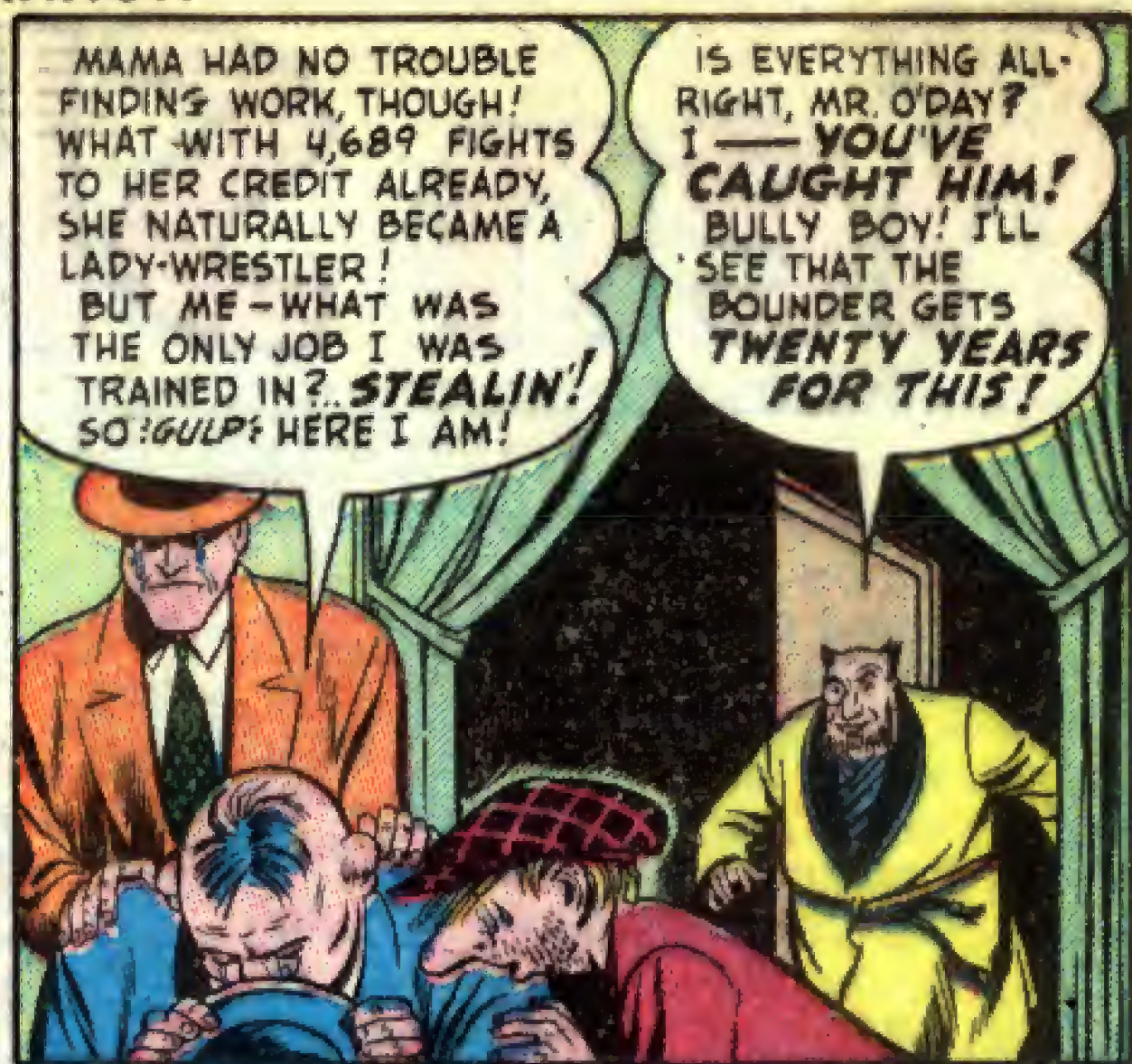
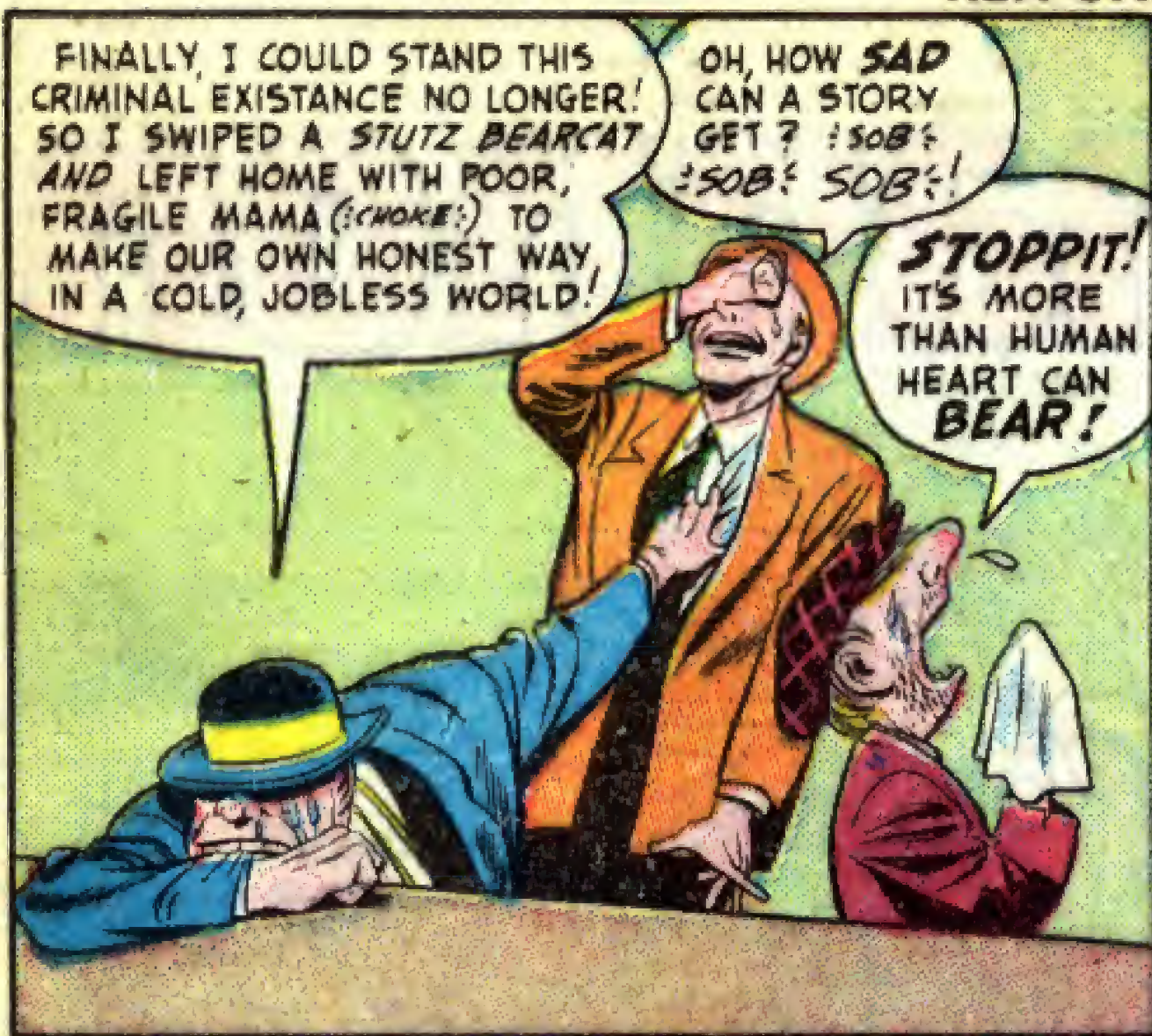
STILL LATER...

CLANK! CLUNK!

ZZZZ—**SNORT!** HUH?... WHAT?... **WHO'S THERE?** SNAP ON THE LIGHT, SHAGGY!

EH?? OH! I MUSTA FELL ASLEEP!





Ken Shannon

THEY TELL ME MORE PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN UP BOWLING THAN ANY OTHER SPORT IN AMERICA! BUT THE ROLL-'EM BOYS CAN CROSS MRS. SHANNON'S FAVORITE SON OFF THEIR LIST OF ENTHUSIASTS! IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE I FORGET THE GRISLY AFTERNOON I BOWLED WITH THE MURDER LEAGUE AND A CORPSE KEPT THE SCORE IN DEAD MAN'S ALLEY!



PETE SWAN



He had an idea that would bowl everybody over!

RAY WILEY



He was so worried about a debt, he paid off in blood!

LIGHT-FINGERED LUCY



You had to hand it to Lucy! If you didn't, she took it anyway!

MONK SATTLER



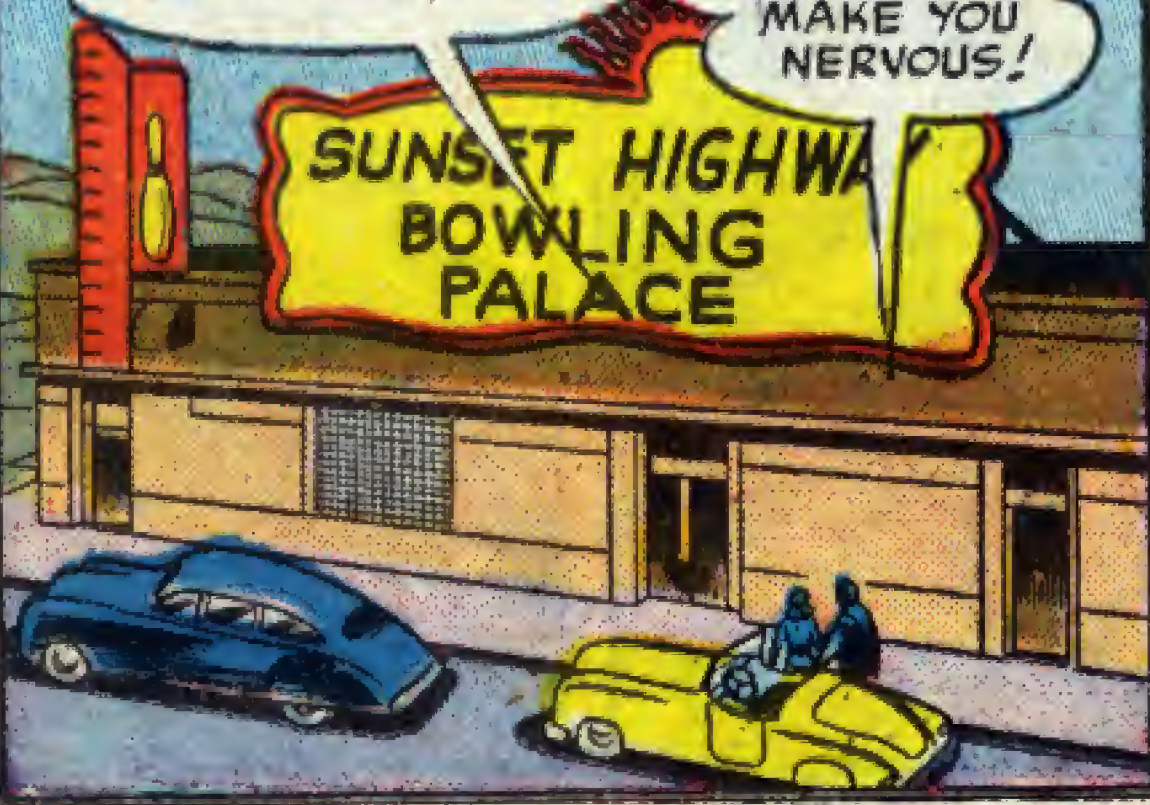
He believed in running his business with a bang!

DEE DEE AND I SPOTTED THE ALLEY OUT IN NO-MAN'S LAND WHILE OUT FOR A DRIVE! SHE WASN'T DRESSED FOR BOWLING BUT SUGGESTED STOPPING!

WHAT KIND OF LAMEBRAIN WOULD BUILD A BOWLING ALLEY OUT HERE? HE COULD HAVE MADE MORE MOOLA SELLING SAND ON PISMO BEACH!

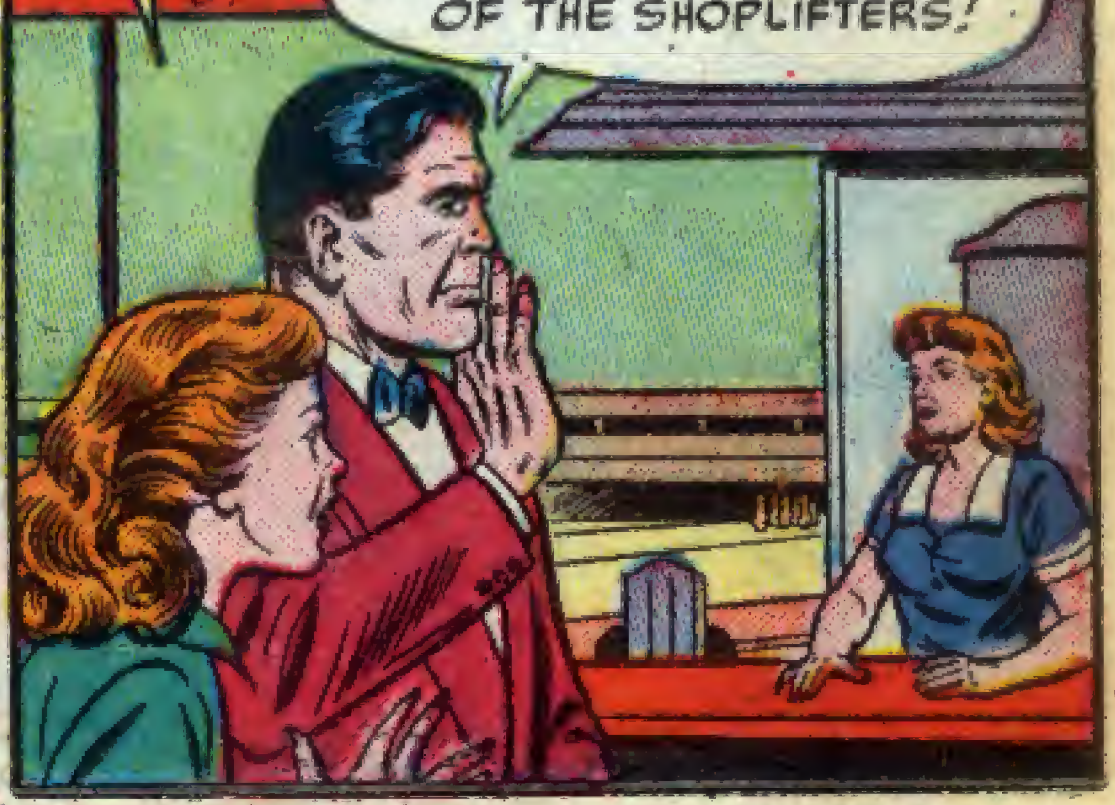
GOOD PLACE TO TEACH YOU TO BOWL, DEE DEE! THERE WON'T BE ANY CUSTOMERS AROUND TO MAKE YOU NERVOUS!

SUNSET HIGHWAY
BOWLING
PALACE



OOO, ALL THIS AND JAVA, TOO!

C'MON, CARROT-TOP! BUT KEEP YOUR EYE ON YOUR PURSE! LAST TIME I SAW THAT WAITRESS, SHE WAS BEING BOOKED AS LIGHT-FINGERED LUCY, QUEEN OF THE SHOPLIFTERS!



THE ALLEY WAS DESERTED, BUT AS WE SIPPED OUR COFFEE, LUCY MADE UP FOR THE LACK OF NOISE!

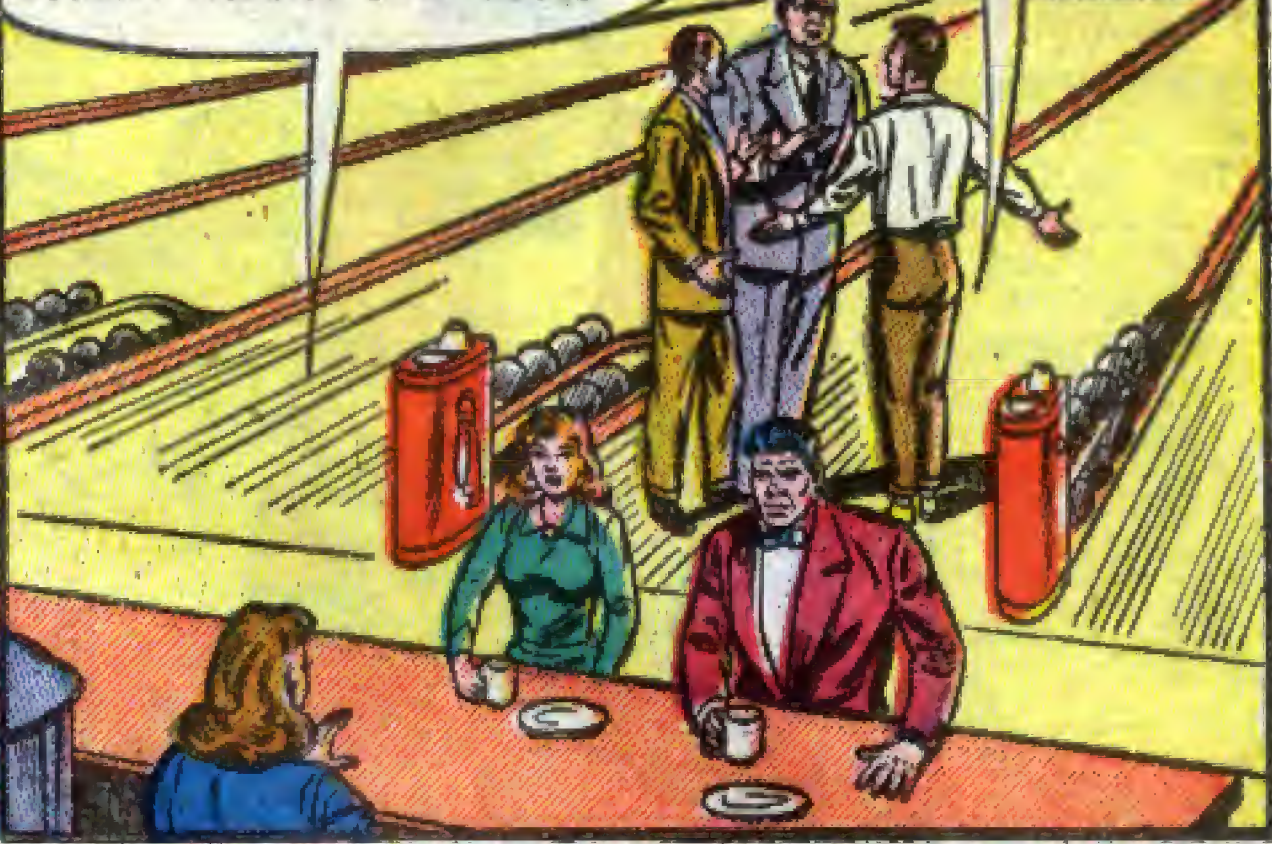
AM I A SAP! I GIVE UP MY CAREER, SHANNON! AND THE DOPE I MARRY IS TOO DUMB TO BE ANYTHING BUT HONEST!

I KNOW I NEVER SAW THE NAME RAY WILEY ON A POLICE BLOTTER!



NAW! RAY AND A JOKER NAMED PETE SWAN BOUGHT THIS DOG A YEAR AGO! AND MAYBE THEY AIN'T HAVING A TOUGH TIME PAYING OFF THE TEN GRAND THEY BORROWED FROM MONK SATTLER!

IF I KNOW MONK, HE'LL FIND A WAY TO COLLECT!



I KNEW MONK'S REPUTATION FROM WAY BACK! A ONE-MAN LOAN COMPANY, HE HAD A WAY OF DUNNING HIS DELINQUENT CUSTOMERS WITH PINE-APPLES!

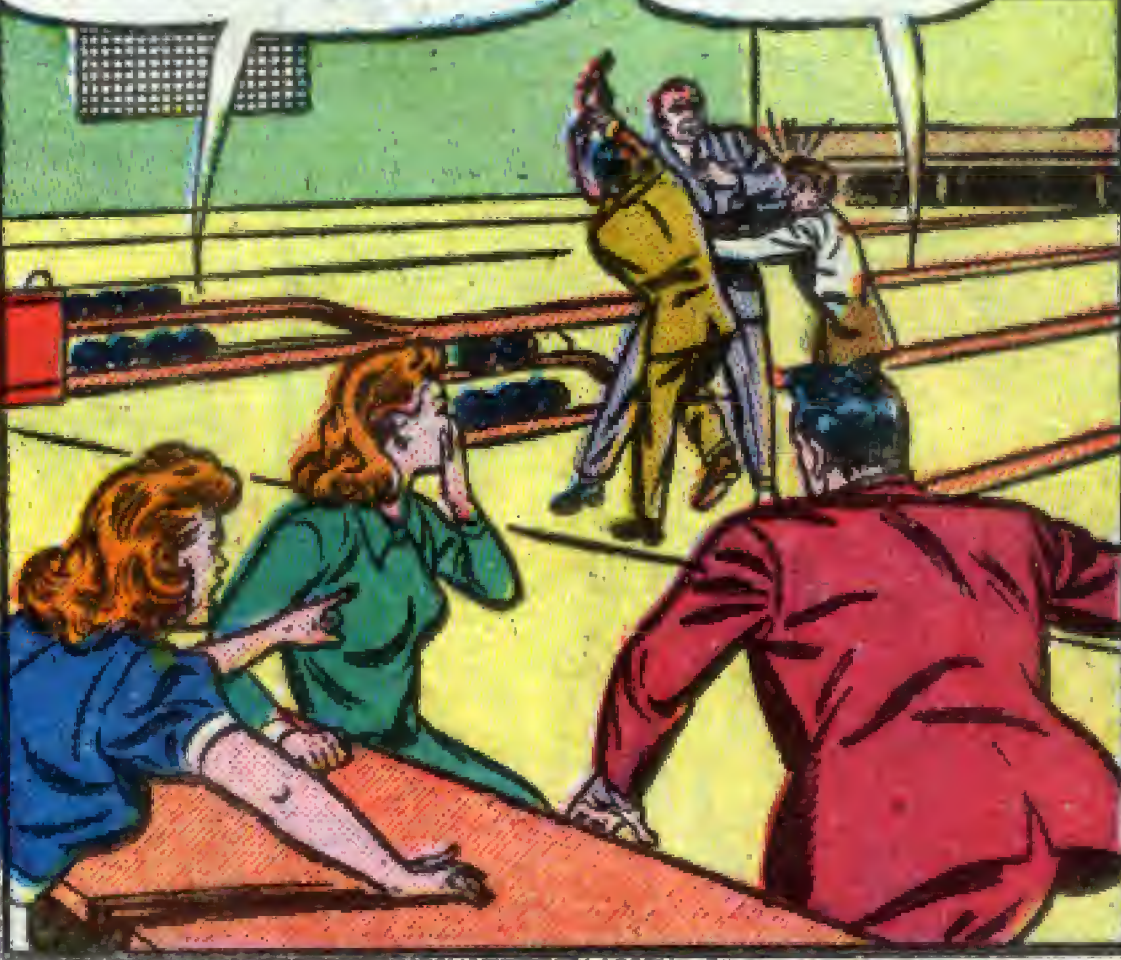
SO HERE I AM, STARVIN' TO DEATH IN THIS EMPTY BARN! I SHOULD'A STUCK TO MY PROFESSION!

SAME OLD LUCY! YOU... HEY!



OH-OH! LOOKS LIKE MONK AND THE BOYS ARE HAVIN' ANOTHER BUSINESS MEETING!

AND I NEARLY BECAME ONE OF THE SILENT PARTNERS!



I TOLD YOU I'M TIRED OF WAITING FOR THAT DOUGH!

PUT THAT GUN DOWN, MONK! TAKE OVER THE JOINT, BUT DON'T ASK FOR MONEY WE HAVEN'T GOT!



YOU NEED A LESSON, WILEY! I... UGH!

SORRY TO INTRUDE, GENTLEMEN!



YOU'VE GOT A NASTY TEMPER, MONK! YOU WANT TO WATCH YOUR MANNERS!

ARGHH!



IT WAS SHAPING UP INTO A PIER 5 BRAWL WHEN MONK SATTLER'S EXPLOSIVE TEMPER DIED DOWN AS SUDDENLY AS IT HAD FLARED UP!

YOU OUGHTA BE GLAD I NOSED IN, MONK! SOMEBODY MIGHT HAVE STOPPED THAT BULLET!

YEAH! YEAH, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT!



WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO RAISE THE CASH, MONK! GIVE US A LITTLE MORE TIME!

SET 'EM UP FOR THE FOLKS AND LET'S FORGET IT, RAY! A COUPLE OF STRIKES'LL PUT MONK IN A BETTER MOOD!



FINE THING, EH, MISTER? BUSINESS IS SO ROUGH, WE HAVE TO TAKE TURNS ACTIN' AS PIN BOYS!

YOUR PARTNER LOOKS LIKE THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BOTH IN A TOUGH SPOT!



POOR RAY'S WORRIED SICK! HE'D LET MONK HAVE THE PLACE, BUT I HATE TO GIVE UP!

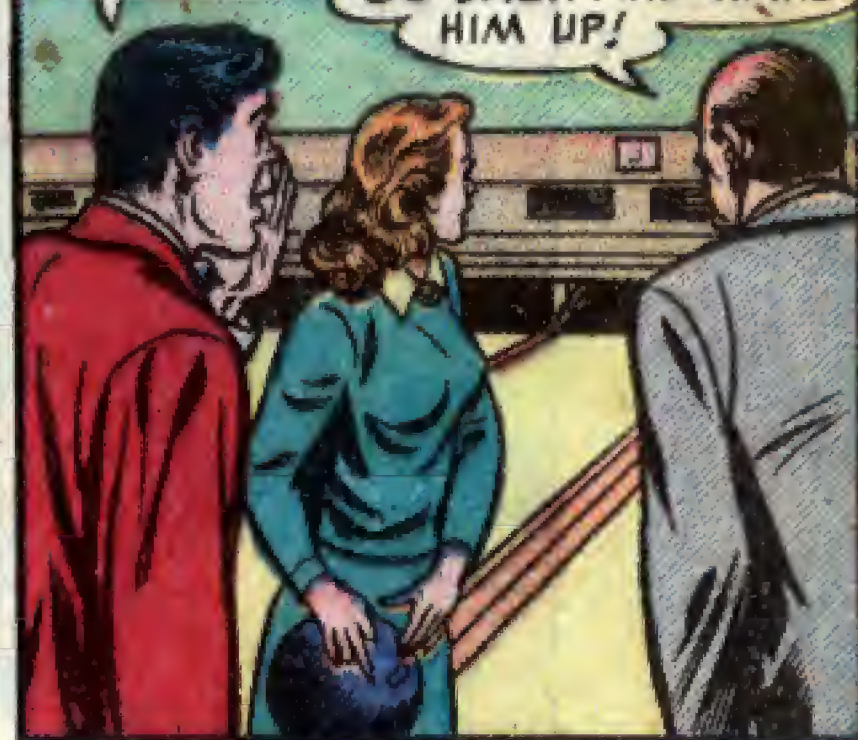
HEY, PETE! RUN OUT AND TELL THAT PIE ROUTE JOCKEY WE DON'T NEED NOTHIN' AS USUAL! I GOTTA GO TAKE RAY SOME COFFEE!



I WAS GIVING DEE DEE SOME POINTERS WHEN IT BEGAN TO LOOK LIKE OUR PIN BOY HAD WALKED OUT ON US!

HEY, THERE! HOW ABOUT SETTING 'EM UP, FELLA?

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THAT GUY? I'D BETTER GO BACK AND WAKE HIM UP!



WHILE WE WAITED FOR RAY TO SET UP THE PINS, DEE DEE AND I MOVED OVER TO THE NEXT ALLEY FOR ANOTHER PRACTICE ROLL!

Y'SEE, HONEY, THE IDEA IS TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PINS!

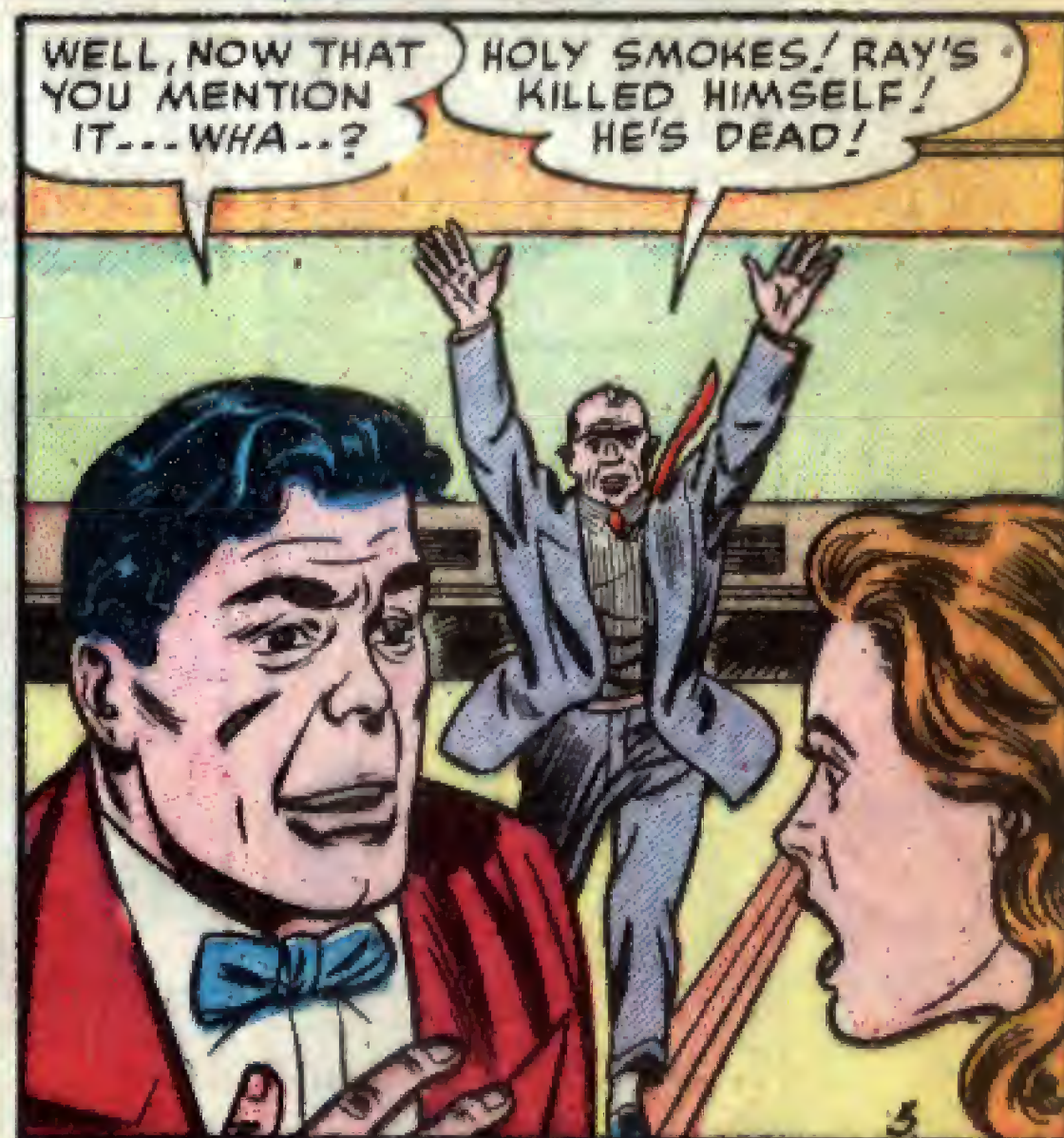
WISE GUY?

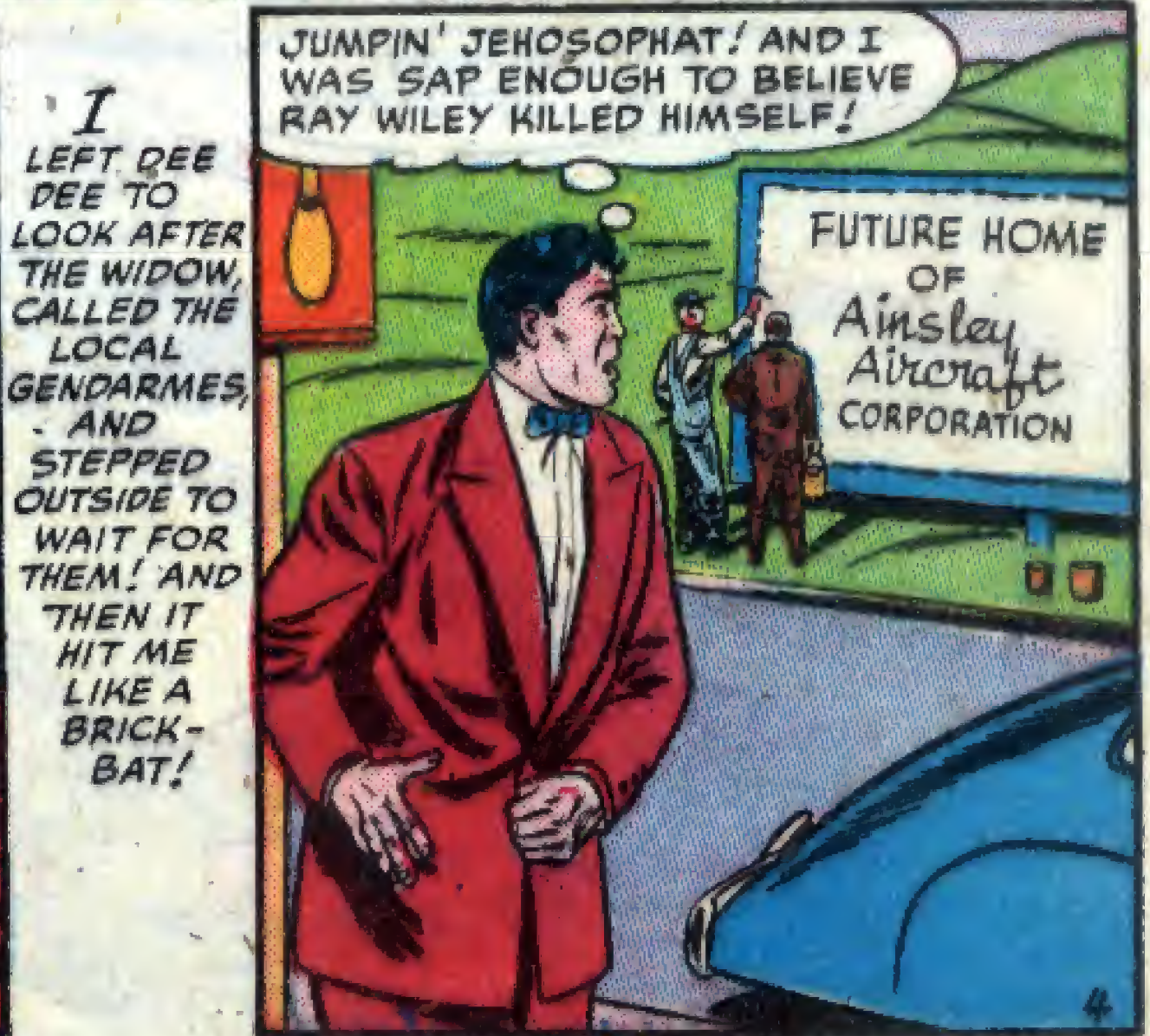
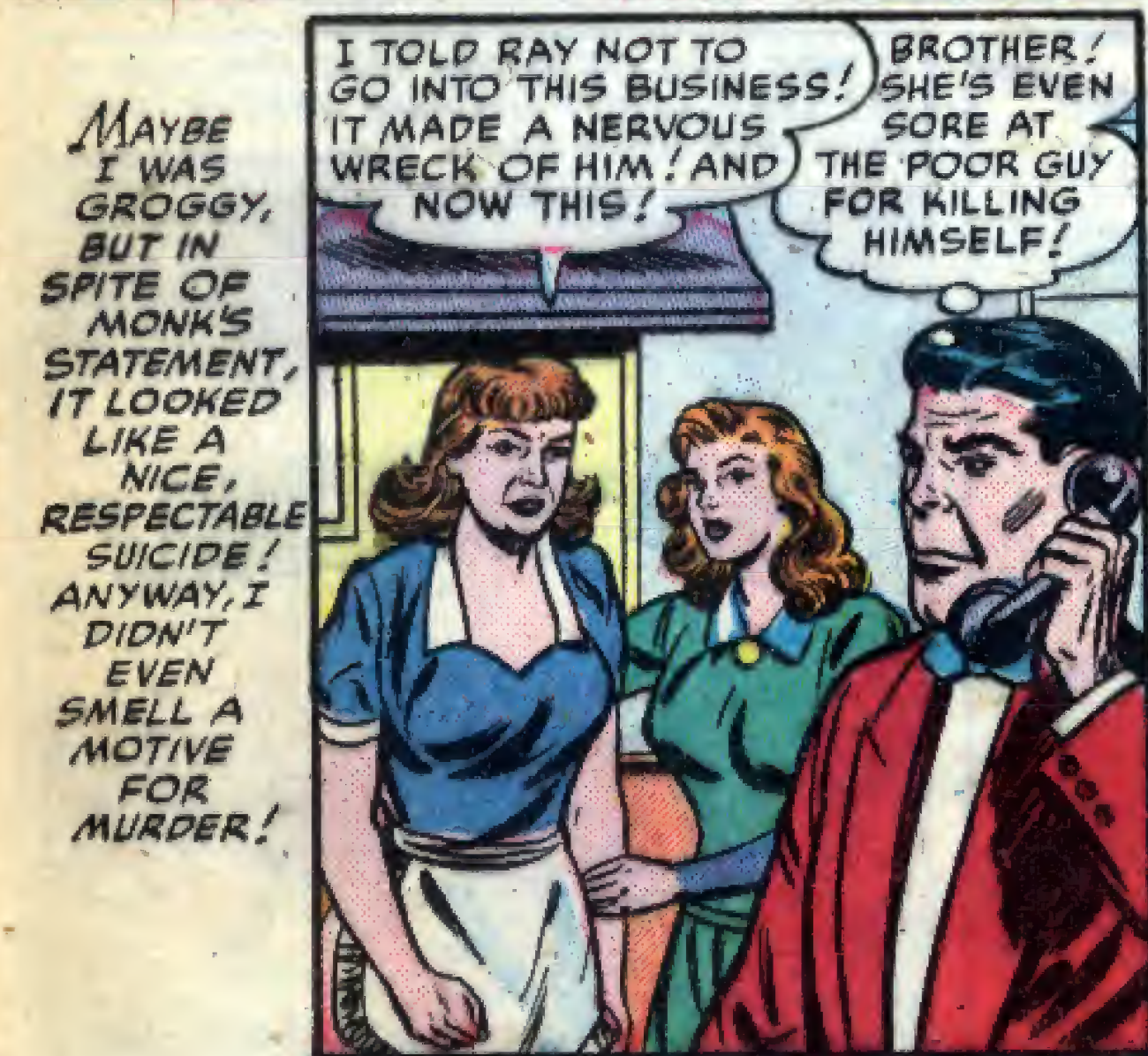
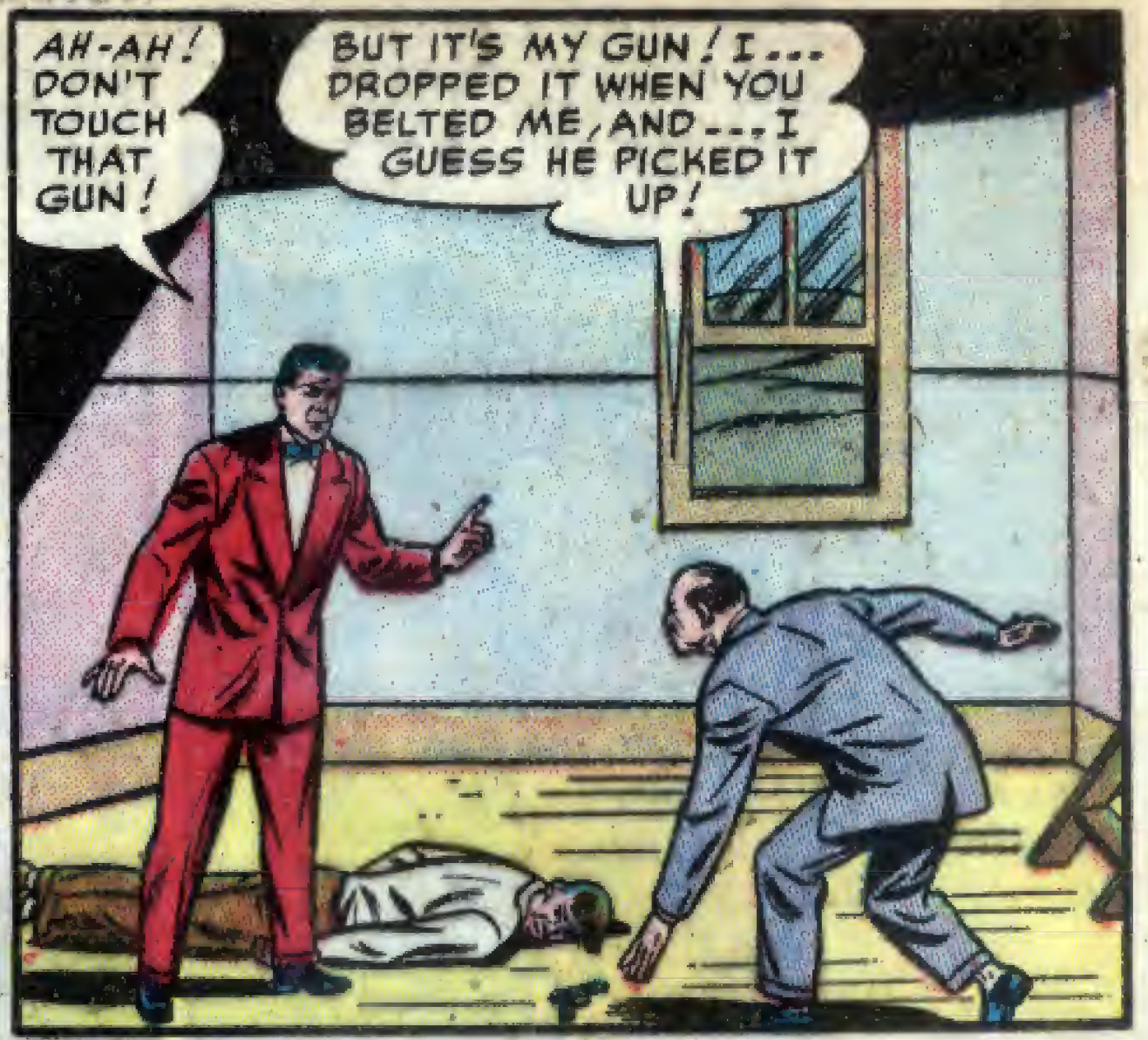
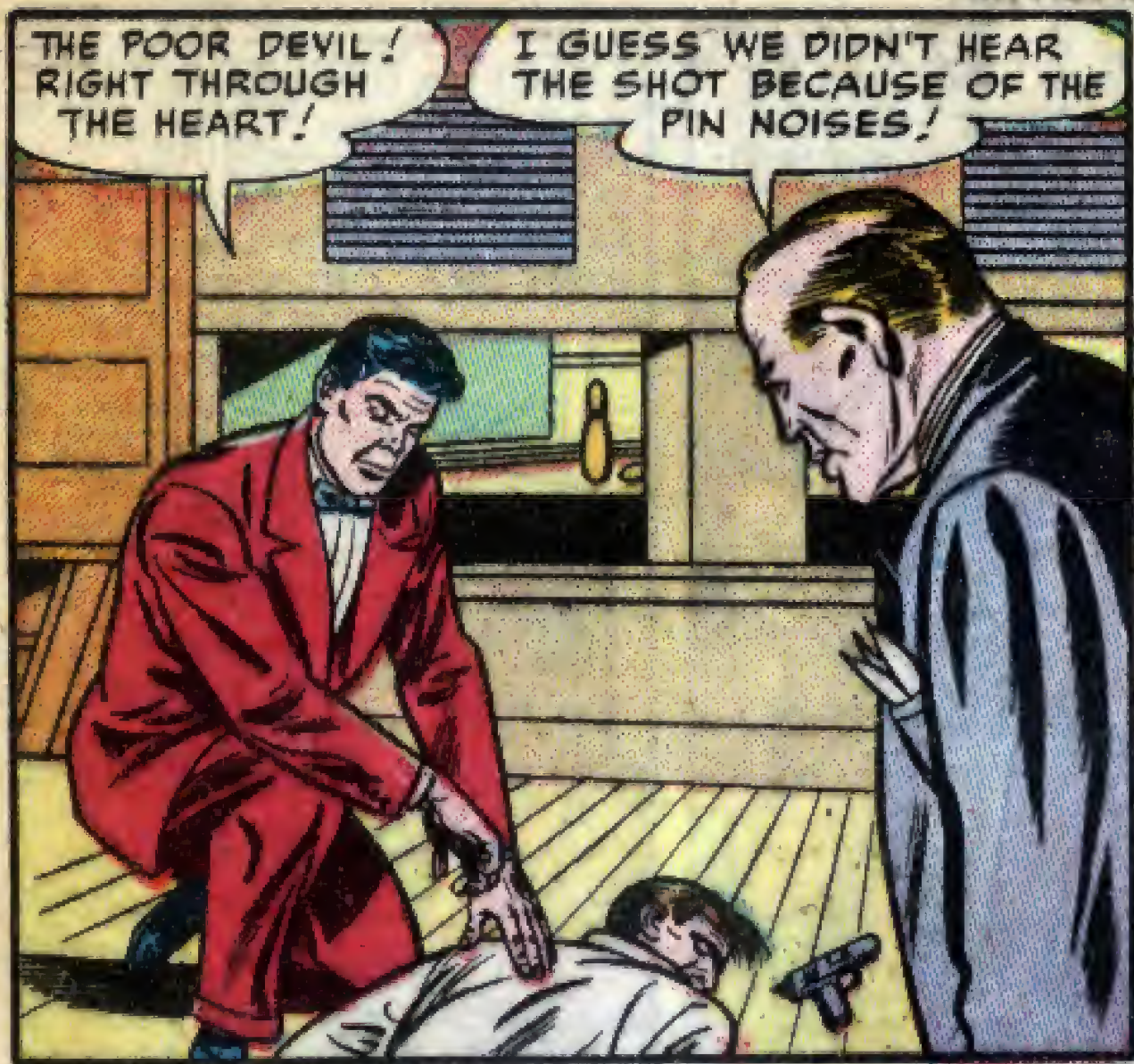
CRASH!



WELL, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... WHA...?

HOLY SMOKES! RAY'S KILLED HIMSELF! HE'S DEAD!





AN AIR-CRAFT FACTORY ACROSS THE STREET WOULD TURN THE DESERTED BOWLING ALLEY INTO A GOLD MINE OVER-NIGHT! AND THREE PEOPLE COULD HAVE BENEFITED BY RUBBING OUT RAY WILEY... HIS WIFE, HIS CREDITOR AND HIS PARTNER!



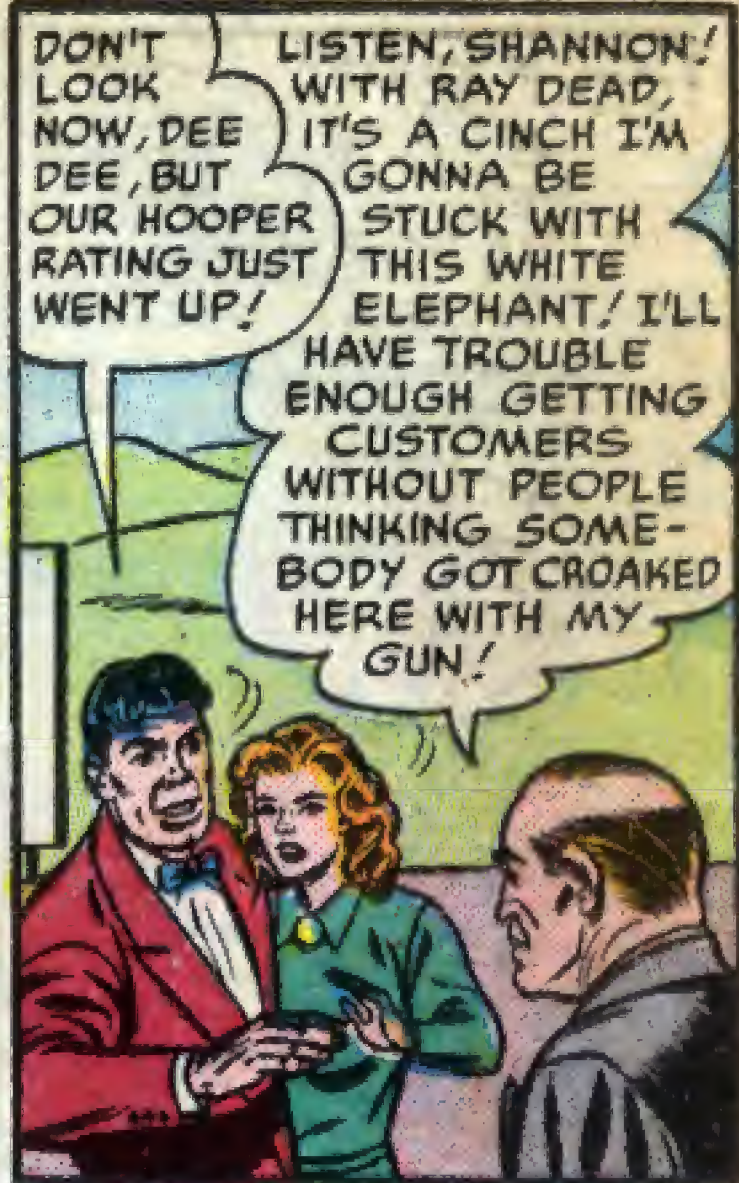
ONE OF THEM KNEW ABOUT THAT FACTORY, DEE DEE! ANY ONE OF THEM COULD HAVE FIRED THAT SHOT!

LUCY AND MONK WENT DOWN TO THE PIT TO SEE RAY...!



PETE SWAN COULD HAVE SNEAKED AROUND THE BACK AND FIRED THROUGH THAT OPEN WINDOW! AND I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO PICKED UP THAT GUN!

YOU'RE MAKING NOISES LIKE YOU SUSPECT SOMETHING, SHAMUS!



DON'T LOOK NOW, DEE DEE, BUT OUR HOOPER RATING JUST WENT UP!

LISTEN, SHANNON! WITH RAY DEAD, IT'S A CINCH I'M GONNA BE STUCK WITH THIS WHITE ELEPHANT! I'LL HAVE TROUBLE ENOUGH GETTING CUSTOMERS WITHOUT PEOPLE THINKING SOMEBODY GOT CROAKED HERE WITH MY GUN!



YOU CAN TALK PLAINER THAN THAT, MONK!

YEAH! YEAH, SURE! I'VE GOT FIVE C'S HERE THAT SAY YOU FORGET WHAT YOU KNOW!



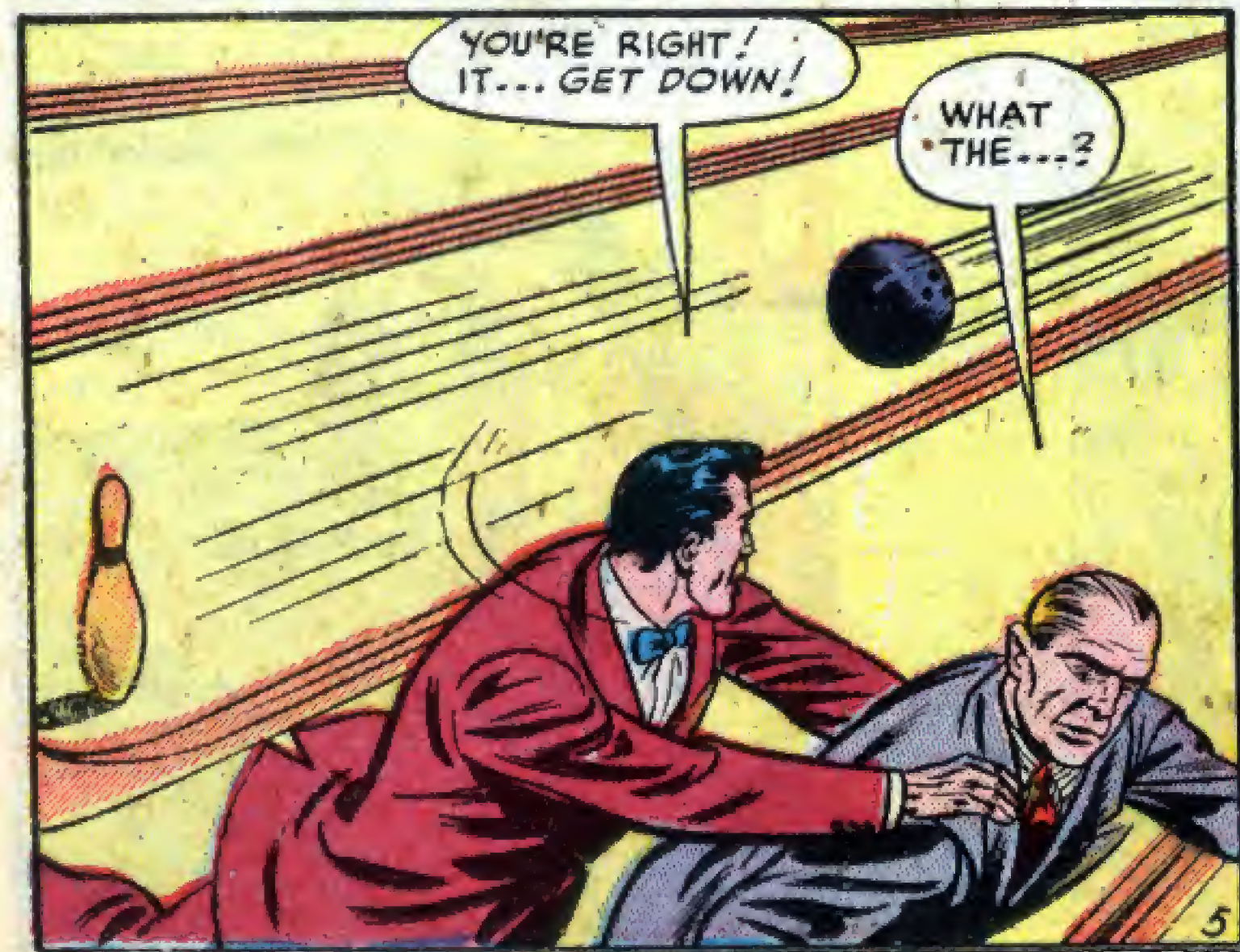
ARE YOU TRYING TO BUY ME, YOU...

HAVE A HEART, FLAT-FOOT! I THREATENED RAY TONIGHT IN FRONT OF WITNESSES! I GOT POWDER BURNS ON MY HAND AND HE WAS SHOT WITH MY GUN!



LET'S HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT THAT BODY, MONK! YOUR FIVE HUNDRED WON'T KEEP ME QUIET, BUT I'LL EARN IT GETTING YOU OUT OF A SPOT!

HEY! THAT PIN WASN'T SET UP WHEN WE WERE BACK HERE BEFORE!



YOU'RE RIGHT! IT... GET DOWN!

WHAT THE...?



IT WAS ONE OF THOSE WILD HUNCHES WE ALL GET... BUT IT CAME JUST IN TIME! THE NEXT INSTANT...



UGH! IF YOU HAD ANY CLUES TO GO ON, COPPER, THEY'RE GONE NOW!

I DON'T NEED CLUES! I JUST GOT A CONFESSION!



HE ROLLED THAT BALL, KEN! HE--- OWOOO!

YOU TALK TOO MUCH, SISTER!



MAYBE THAT LOADED PIN DIDN'T GET YOU, BUT MAKE A MOVE AND YOU'RE A DEAD DUCK!

YOU WON'T GET FAR, SWAN!



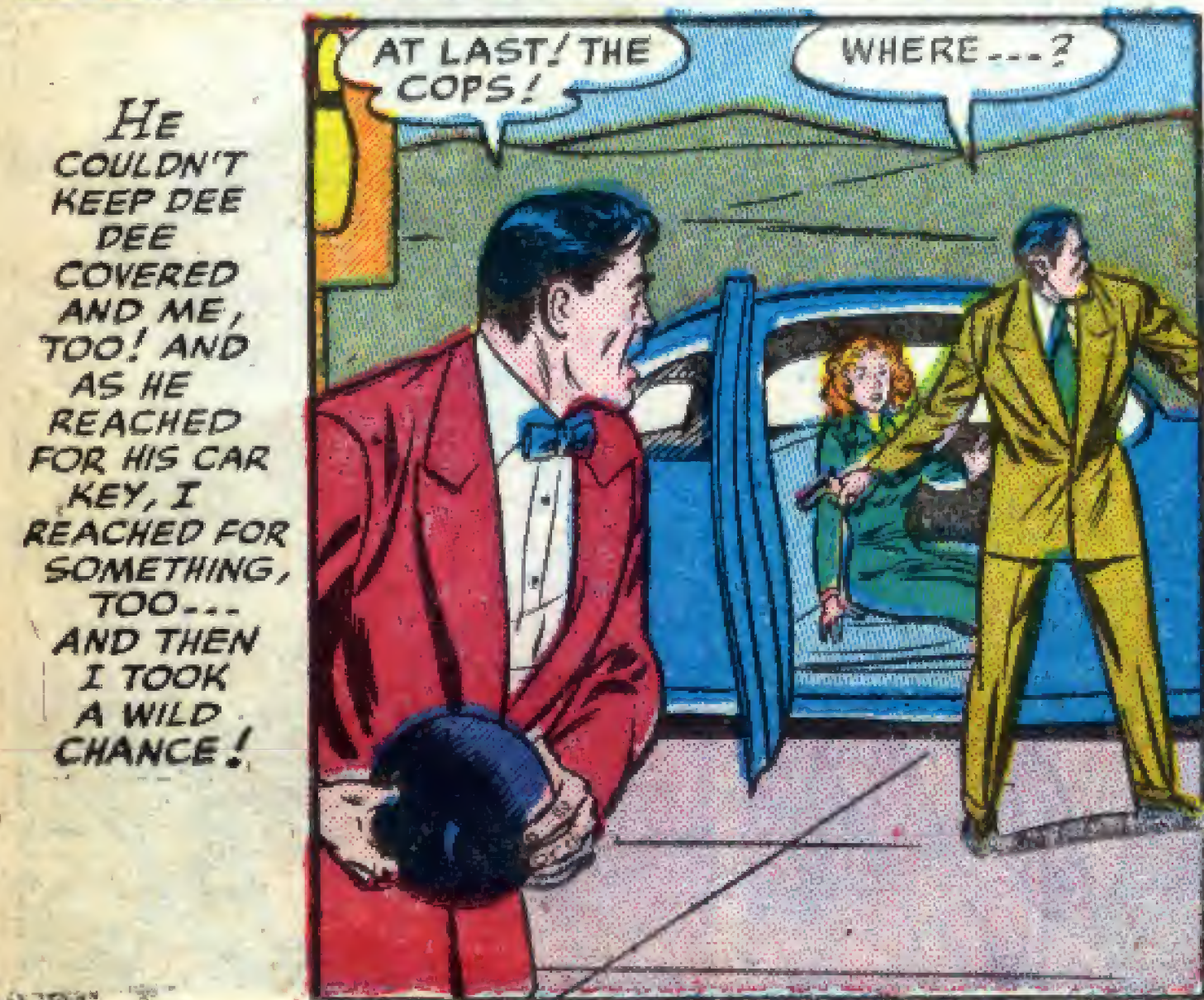
THE COPS WILL GET YOU BEFORE YOU GET A MILE FROM THE PLACE!

DON'T YOU TRY STOPPING ME, NOT IF YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR REDHEAD ALIVE AGAIN!

I HAD A DESPERATE URGE TO DIVE AT THE MURDERING RAT, BUT I KNEW ONE MORE MURDER WOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED WHAT PASSED FOR HIS CONSCIENCE!



IF HE GET'S AWAY FROM HERE, HE'LL KILL HER ANYWAY! I'VE GOT TO---



HE COULDN'T KEEP DEE DEE COVERED AND ME, TOO! AND AS HE REACHED FOR HIS CAR KEY, I REACHED FOR SOMETHING, TOO... AND THEN I TOOK A WILD CHANCE!

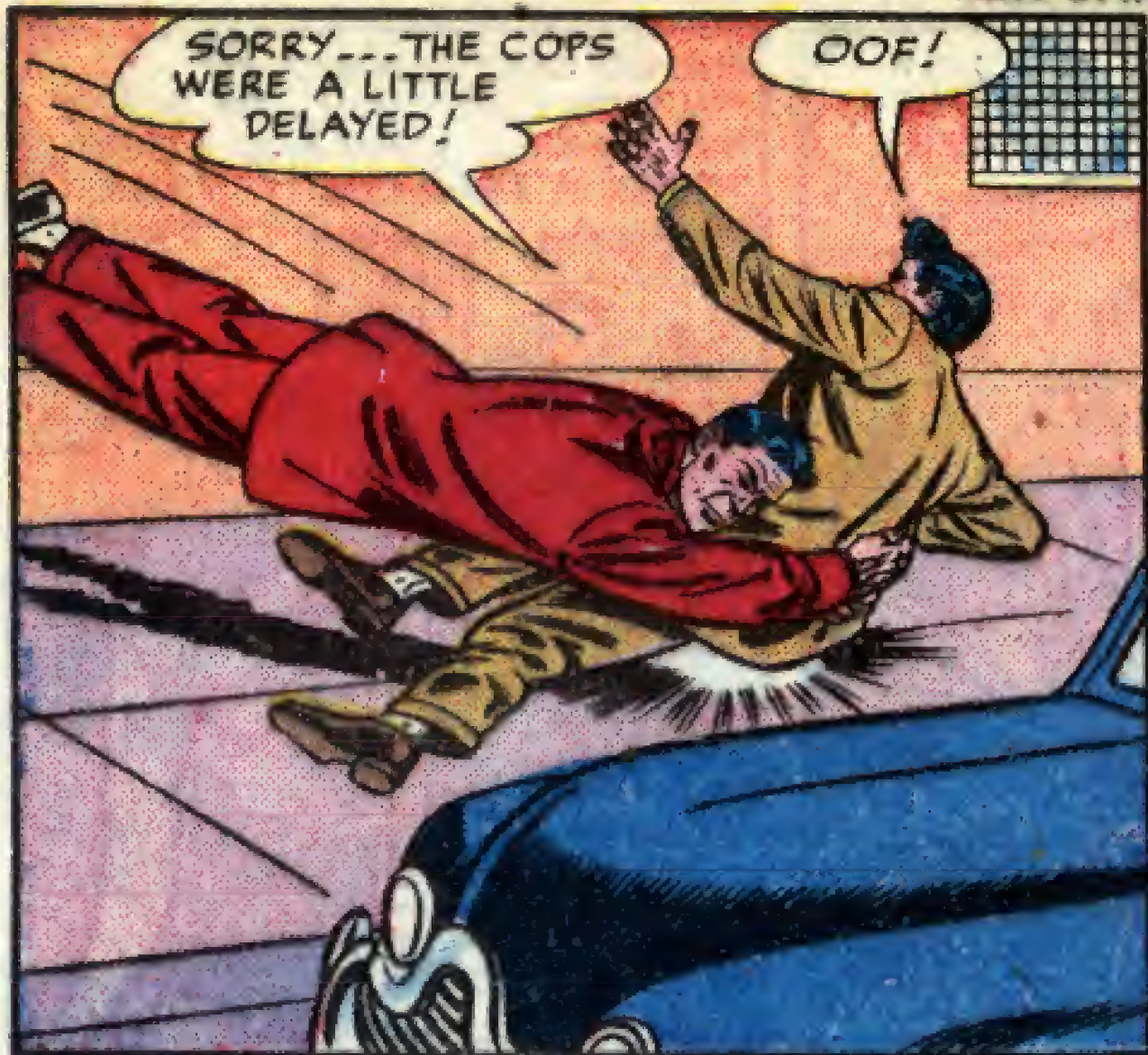
AT LAST! THE COPS!

WHERE---?



RIGHT UNDER YOUR FEET, STUPID!

OWOOO!



Roses Are Red

INSPECTOR Ed Ross looked up from the gardening page of the newspaper into the gentle, old face of the man he had been reading about. He wondered what the recent Flower Show winner was doing at the Missing Persons Bureau. Joseph Pratt preceded his unspoken question, as he stammered, "I—I'd like to report a missing person."

"You came to the right place," replied the Inspector. As an amateur gardener, Ed Ross had been following the Flower Show winnings of this modest, little man with interest. And as Joseph Pratt launched on the story of his missing brother, the Inspector's interest quickened.

It seemed that while Joseph was at the Flower Show, winning the prize for roses with a flower named for his brother, Harvey, that same old gent had disappeared, leaving clothes, suitcases, and gambling debts. The Inspector looked surprised, "You mean Harvey gambles?" Joseph replied quietly, "Unfortunately, he frequently does, Inspector. As a matter of fact, Harvey and I had a few words about his gambling before I left for the Show. He often asks me for money with which to gamble and then we have these little discussions. Nothing serious, of course."

"You see," explained old Joe, "Harvey doesn't like flowers much and so I named my new rose for him, hoping to win him over. Instead he just said unkind things because I wasn't willing to give him more gambling money." It all sounded pretty simple as old Joe told it and Inspector Ross dismissed him with a promise that he'd get on the job and contact him later in the day.

A routine check on the transportation centers revealed that nobody answering Harvey's description had been seen leaving during the past twenty-four hours. Also, Harvey hadn't been seen around any of his usual haunts.

Later, as he drove out to the Pratt place, Inspector Ross decided this wasn't so simple after all. If the brothers' discussion was so commonplace, Harvey wasn't going to blow town without bag or baggage because of it. The car slowed before the well-kept unpretentious bungalow. As he shut off the motor, Ross spotted Joe, spade in hand, rounding the corner of the house. He located the old boy in the rear of the house, turning the earth in a badly torn up plot of ground. The rest of the small yard was in perfect order, roses blooming in profusion. "A horticulturist's dream," mused Ed.

Joseph spoke when he saw Ed Ross, "Have you located Harvey, Inspector?" he asked. "Not yet, Mr. Pratt," replied Ed. "Say, are these the roses you named after your brother? They're beauts." He was bending over a bush of large red flowers in a burst of bloom. "No, sir," Joseph answered sadly, "The

rose I named for Harvey was in this plot and unfortunately while I was at the Show yesterday, the neighbor's Bulldogs got in a scrap here and ruined this entire grouping."

"Quite a bit happened while you were at that Flower Show," said Ross carefully. "Are you going to replant the bushes?"

"No, they were too badly damaged," replied old Joe, "I'm just going to plant other bushes after I sweeten the earth a bit with this lime." He scooped up a trowel of lime from a large bag standing nearby. "I certainly hope you locate Harvey soon," said Joseph slowly, as he went on with his work. Inspector Ross made no reply but sauntered around the yard looking at the small garden carefully.

He wore a puzzled expression as he walked back towards the street in deep thought, and he almost collided with a large matron walking two small dogs on leads, as he made for his car. "Oops, sorry, lady," murmured Ross, and then paused as she spoke. "I'm the Pratts' neighbor, Mrs. Coyne," she explained, "I hope you're able to locate Harvey Pratt soon. Joseph told us about his disappearance."

Her interest piqued the Inspector's curiosity and he lingered to talk. It seemed that Mrs. Coyne never let her dogs run loose and since they were French Bulldogs, a small breed, they weren't big enough to create the havoc he had viewed in the Pratt garden. Mrs. Coyne's further comments revealed that she had seen Harvey Pratt, in a fit of temper, tearing the rose bushes out by the roots the day before. But she had not seen Harvey leave the house either before or after his brother, Joseph, had returned from the Flower Show. When Ed Ross parted with Mrs. Coyne, suspicion was riding high in his mind.

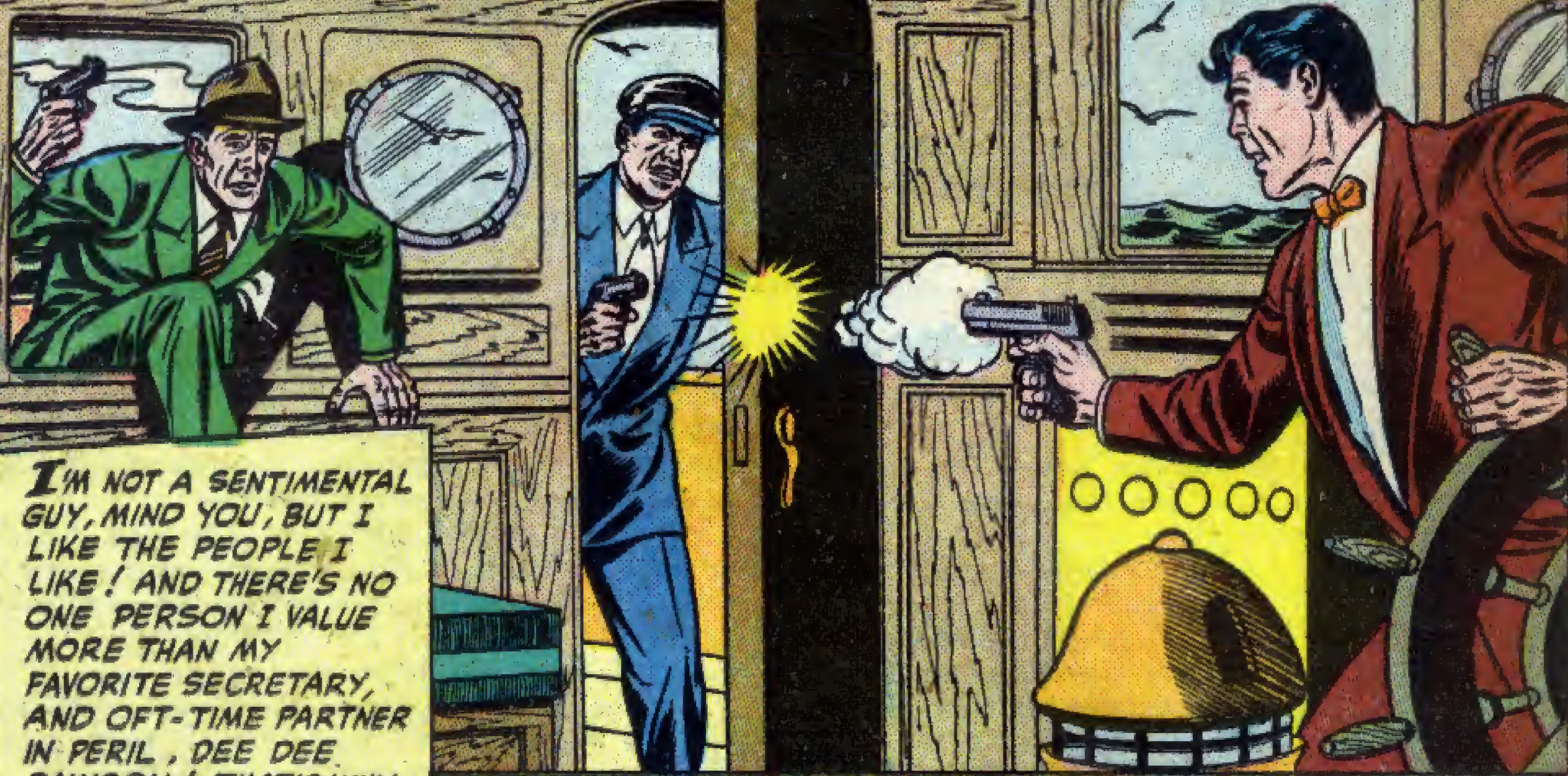
It took little time to complete his investigation. A warrant gave him entry into the Pratt house for a thorough search, and the huge over-supply of lime Joseph had on hand for his small "gardening" operation, led the Inspector to an inevitable conclusion. This was borne out when Harvey's body was dug out of a bed of lime beneath the new rose plot.

Joseph and Harvey had argued bitterly about Harvey's gambling, all right, but when old Joe returned home and discovered his pet garden torn apart, he had bludgeoned his dear brother with the gardening spade and buried him deep. The bed of lime explained itself—quickest way to decompose a body.

After calling Homicide in, Inspector Ross fitted the pieces together and thrust them at gentle old Joe. He calmly admitted his guilt and explained, as though it made sense, "Harvey cruelly destroyed my life's work, the very roses named for him. I had no alternative but to destroy him in turn."

"A rose by any other name," murmured Ross as he closed the file on the brothers Pratt.

Ken Shannon



I'M NOT A SENTIMENTAL GUY, MIND YOU, BUT I LIKE THE PEOPLE I LIKE! AND THERE'S NO ONE PERSON I VALUE MORE THAN MY FAVORITE SECRETARY, AND OFT-TIME PARTNER IN PERIL, DEE DEE DAWSON! THAT'S WHY, NO MATTER HOW HIGH THEY PILED THE EVIDENCE THAT I WAS WRONG, I KEPT ON SAYING...

Dee Dee Can't Be Dead!

JOHNNY LARRONE



THE NUMBER ONE BOY IN THE RACKETS!

MR. PIERCE



THE HOTEL MANAGER WHO TRIED TO MANAGE MORE THAN HE SHOULD!

THE CLERK



GOT INTO MY HAIR AND SOON WAS WASHED UP!

One of my favorite ways to burn up money is to pay a visit to the local racetrack! This particular afternoon my luck was running even worse than usual!

THAT NAG WAS DEAD LAST! AND I HAD TWO WEEKS LUNCH MONEY RUNNING ON HIS NOSE!

HMM! WHERE HAVE I SEEN HIM BEFORE?



DEE DEE HONEY, I DON'T CARE IF I NEVER SEE THAT REFUGEE FROM A GLUE FACTORY AGAIN!

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THOSE ANTIQUATED RELICS YOU BET ON, KEN! I MEAN HIM...THE FELLOW WITH THE DARK GLASSES!



I SPOTTED THE CHARACTER SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT! THERE WAS SOMETHING A LITTLE FAMILIAR ABOUT HIM!



Tracking
DOWN A
LADY'S
HANDBAG
IN THAT
CROWD IS
NO
CINCH!
WHEN I
FINALLY
CAUGHT
UP
WITH IT,
GUESS
WHO
WAS
ON THE
OTHER
END?

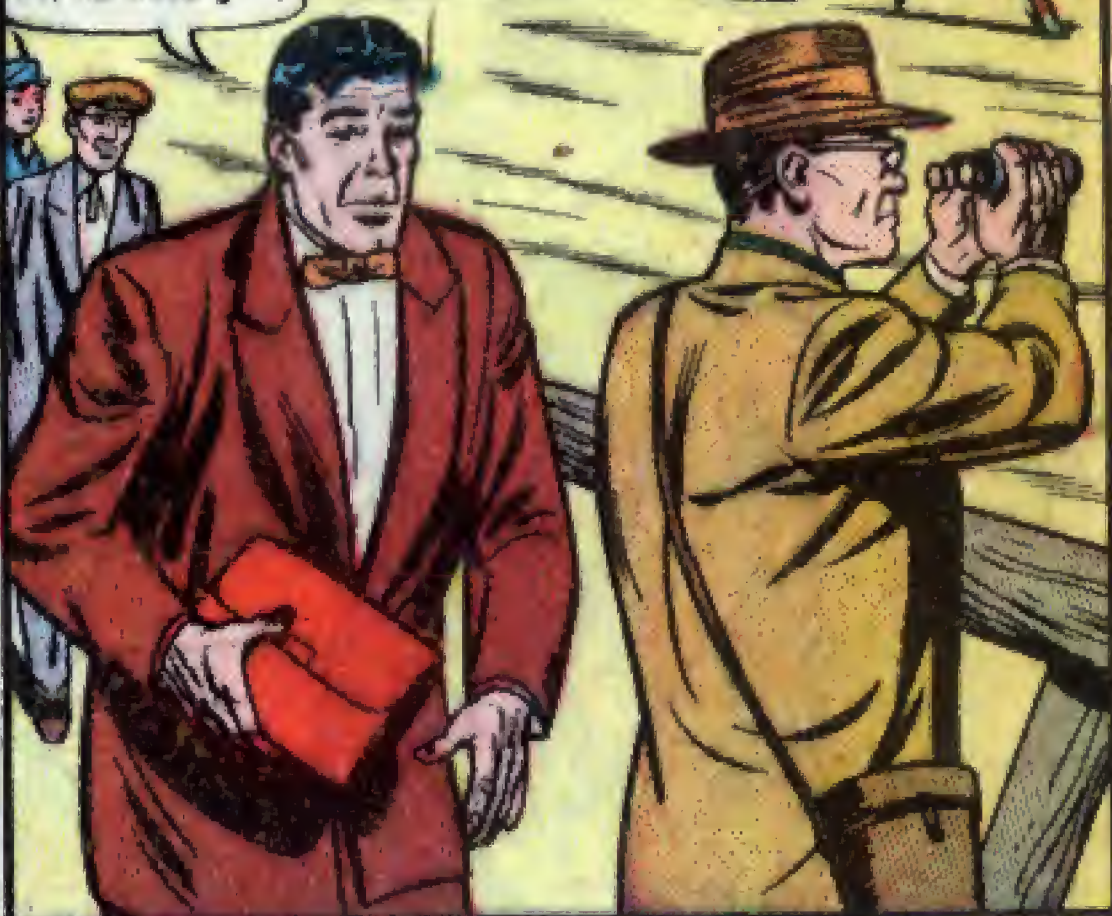


IS THIS WHAT YOU
WERE LOOKING FOR?

UH---YEAH,
THANKS!

I DIDN'T THINK A LADY'S
PURSE COULD TRAVEL
THIS FAR! I SUPPOSE
PEOPLE KEPT KICKING IT
AROUND!

I DOUBT IF YOU
WILL FIND ANY-
THING MISSING!



When
I GOT
BACK TO
DEE DEE
THE
THIEF
WAS
GONE!
BUT
AT
LEAST I
RETURNED
WITH
THE
LOOT!

IT'S ALL HERE...
TWENTY TWO
DOLLARS AND
EIGHTY SEVEN
CENTS!

SKIP THE
SMALL
CHANGE! LEND
ME A DOUBLE
SAWBUCK,
HONEY! I'VE GOT
A SURE WINNER IN
THIS NEXT
RACE!



OF COURSE MY SURE WINNER
ENDED SO FAR BACK OF
THE OTHERS THAT THEY
PRACTICALLY LAPPED HIM!

KEN, THAT
MAN'S FACE
IS STILL
HAUNTING
ME!

FORGET IT, WILL
YOU? YOU'VE
GOT REAL
TROUBLE! I'LL
PROBABLY HAVE
TO GIVE YOU A
MARKER FOR NEXT
WEEK'S SALARY!



THE NEXT MORNING, I WAS
BROODING IN MY OFFICE
WHEN...

I HATE HORSES
SO MUCH, I HOPE THEY
CEMENT OVER THE BRIDLE
PATHS IN THE CITY! I
HOPE THAT...



HELLO? ...OH, IT YOU, DEE DEE!
HOW COME YOU'RE NOT IN THE
OFFICE THIS MORNING? JUST
BECAUSE I CAN'T PAY YOU
DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN
SHIRK YOUR DUTIES!



I GOT A TELEGRAM ASKING ME
TO COME TO THE HOTEL
COSMOPOLITAN, KEN! I'M
HERE NOW, IN ROOM 1304!
I'VE GOT A HUNCH I'M ON
THE TRAIL OF SOMETHING
BIG!



BUT I'M GETTING WORRIED, KEN!
I'LL FEEL A LOT BETTER IF YOU'RE
AROUND! DROP WHAT YOU'RE
DOING AND GET OVER HERE AS
QUICKLY AS YOU CAN! YOU
CAN ASK FOR ME AT
THE DESK!



Before DEE DEE HUNG UP THE PHONE, I WAS HEADING OUT OF THE OFFICE!

DEE DEE ISN'T THE NERVOUS TYPE! SHE WOULDN'T ASK FOR HELP UNLESS SHE WAS REALLY FRIGHTENED! I WISH I KNEW WHY SHE WENT TRAIPSING OFF TO THAT HOTEL IN THE FIRST PLACE!



I GOT MY FIRST SHOCK AT THE HOTEL DESK, WHERE THE CLERK GAVE ME A FRIGID STARE!

I'M SORRY, SIR! THERE IS NO MISS DEE DEE DAWSON REGISTERED AT THIS HOTEL!

YOU'RE CRAZY! SHE'S IN ROOM 1304! LET ME SEE THAT REGISTER!



SO SHE DIDN'T SIGN THE REGISTER! TAKE ME UP TO ROOM 1304 ... PRONTO!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, SIR! THERE IS NO ROOM 1304 IN THIS HOTEL!

He WAS RIGHT! DEE DEE WASN'T REGISTERED THERE! I'D HAVE KNOWN HER HAND-WRITING ANYWHERE, EVEN IF SHE USED AN ALIAS!



ENOUGH JOKES, BUSTER! JUST HAND ME THE KEYS AND I'LL FIND MY OWN WAY!

Y-YOU MUST BE MAD! HELP!



THROW THIS MADMAN OUT OF HERE!

THE HOTEL FLATFOOT, EH? MY ADVICE IS TO KEEP YOUR FACE OUT OF MY WAY!



He WAS A BIG FELLOW, AND HE WASN'T USED TO TAKING ADVICE!

SMART GUY! I'LL CARRY YOU OUT ... FEET FIRST!



YOU KNOW SOMETHING? I HATE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IDLE THREATS!



KEN SHANNON

The CLERK TOOK ONE LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HOTEL FLATFOOT, AND CAME ACROSS WITH THE MASTER KEYS! A MINUTE LATER, I GOT INTO THE ELEVATOR AND STARTED UP!



THIRTEENTH FLOOR, PLEASE!

GULP! I...I CAN'T TAKE YOU THERE, SIR!



I...I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE! BUT HONEST! THERE ISN'T ANY FLOOR THIRTEEN IN THIS HOTEL!

HE'S TOO SCARED TO LIE!

DON'T FREEZE UP, YOUNGSTER! TAKE ME TO THE FOURTEENTH INSTEAD!

I CURSED THE SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE THAT LED COMMERCIAL HOTELS LIKE THE COSMOPOLITAN TO OMIT THIRTEEN AS AN UNLUCKY NUMBER! I THOUGHT DEE DEE HAD MADE A SIMPLE MISTAKE!



MAYBE SHE ASSUMED IT WAS 1304, BECAUSE THAT WAS THE FLOOR LANDING! IN THAT CASE THIS WOULD BE THE ROOM!



NOT A SIGN OF ANYBODY HAVING BEEN HERE! THE PLACE IS CLEANER THAN A CAT'S FUR!

HELLO, THERE!

ULP!



I...I'M THE HOTEL MANAGER! I WAS JUST KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU UNTIL THE POLICE CAME... ER... THAT IS...

YOU SENT FOR THE COPS, EH? BEFORE THEY GET HERE, YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS!



AND IF YOU DON'T, MR. PIERCE, YOU CAN TELL THE POLICE THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO BROKE YOUR NECK! IT'S KEN SHANNON!

UHHH!

Frightened AS HE WAS, THE HOTEL MANAGER INSISTED ON STICKING TO HIS STORY! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GIVE UP WHEN...



N-NO ONE ANSWERING YOUR DESCRIPTION EVER CHECKED INTO THIS HOTEL! I SWEAR IT!

OKAY, OKAY! YOU SHOULD KNOW WHO... HUH?



THOSE INITIALS! DD! AND... AND THERE'S BLOOD ON IT!

Things BLACKED OUT AS A DARK CURTAIN OF RAGE CAME DOWN OVER MY BRAIN! AND WHEN I BECAME AWARE OF WHAT I WAS DOING ---

YOU'VE BEEN LYING! MAYBE YOU'RE MORE SCARED OF SOMEONE ELSE THAN OF ME! DO YOU STILL FEEL THAT WAY?

N-NO! DON'T KILL ME! I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING!



TH...THE GIRL WAS HERE! I KNEW IT WAS A TRAP BUT I COULDN'T WARN HER! THEY FORCED ME TO CHANGE THE NUMBER ON THE DOOR, TO ERASE HER NAME FROM THE REGISTER!

WHERE IS SHE NOW?



SHE'S DEAD! THEY KILLED HER, AND I SAW THEM CARRY HER BODY OUT THE REAR DELIVERY EXIT!

DEE DEE... DEAD? I DON'T BELIEVE IT!



The MANAGER TOLD ME THE REST OF IT, INCLUDING WHERE HE THOUGHT THEY'D BEEN HEADING! BY THE TIME I REACHED THE DOCK, I'D HAVE MURDERED THE FIRST MAN WHO CAUSED ME A SECOND'S DELAY!

I WANT TO HIRE A SPEEDBOAT... FAST!

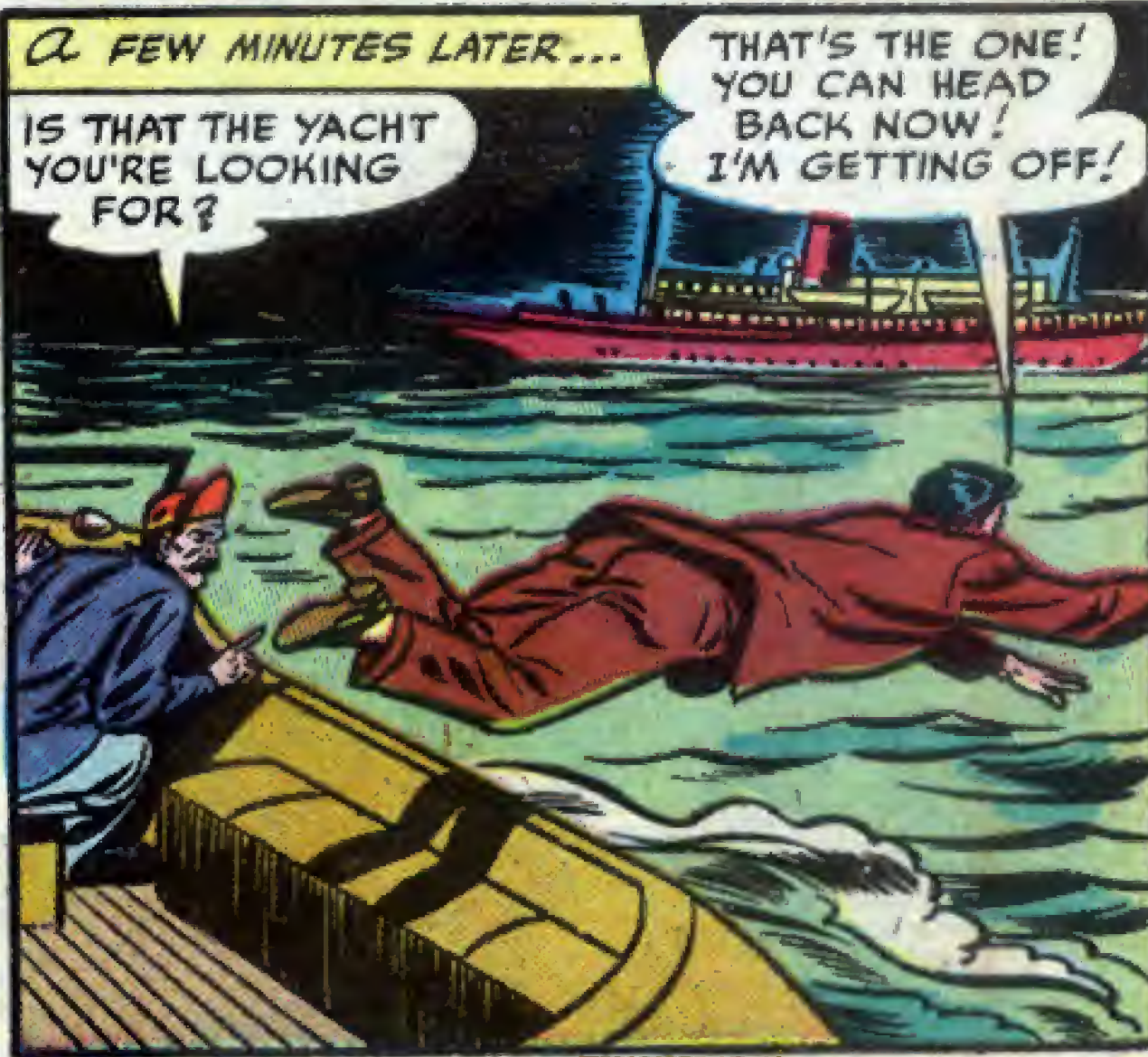
Y-YES, SIR!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

IS THAT THE YACHT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

THAT'S THE ONE! YOU CAN HEAD BACK NOW! I'M GETTING OFF!



When I GOT ABOARD, I WAS IN A MOOD FOR MAYHEM!

ONE DOWN!

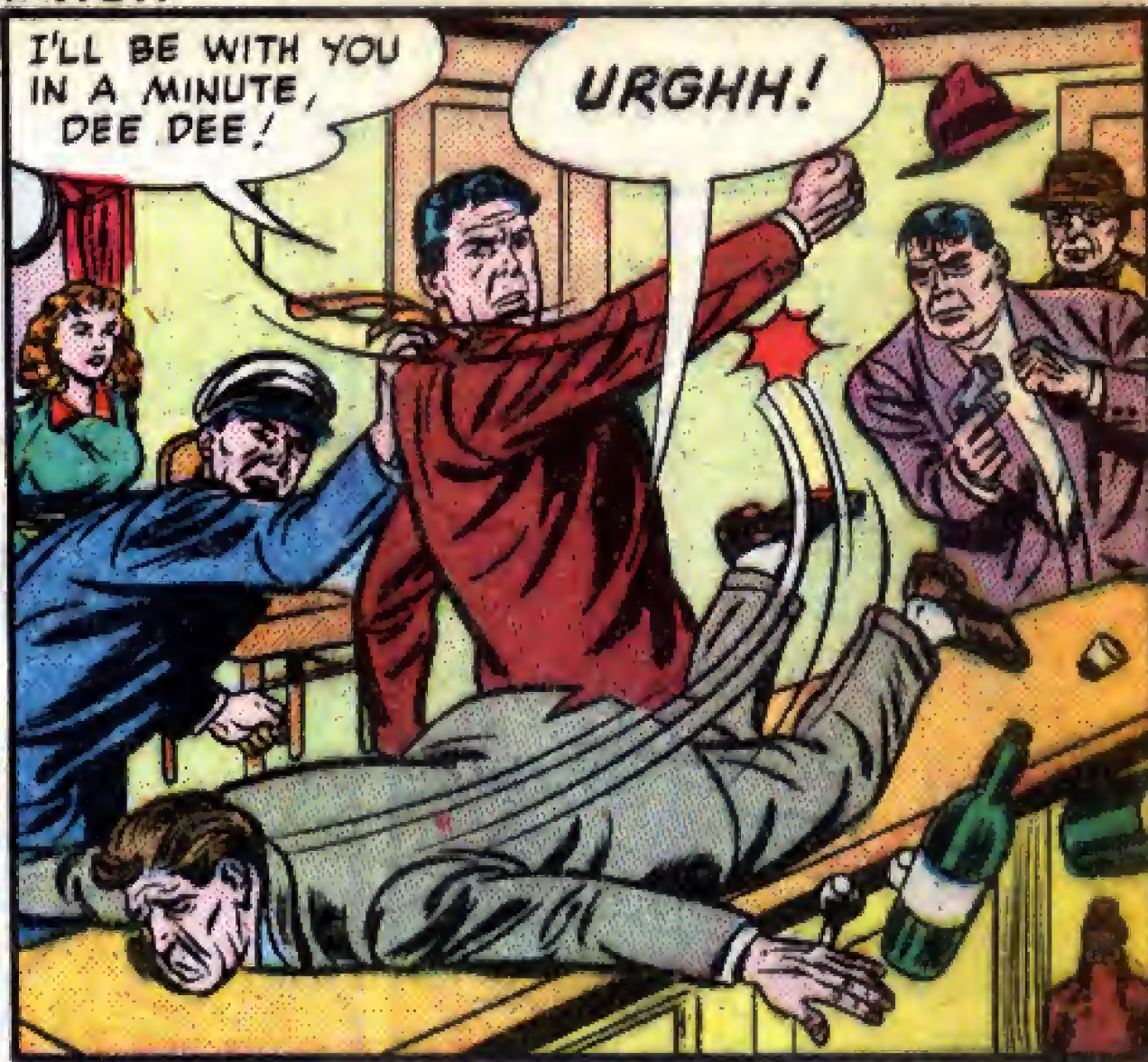


THE MAN WITH DARK GLASSES! THE SAME FELLOW DEE DEE SPOTTED AT THE RACETRACK! NOW I REMEMBER WHO HE IS!



THAT'S JOHNNY LARRONE... THE NUMBER ONE BOY IN THE RACKETS! HIS FACE LOOKS DIFFERENT! HE MUST HAVE HAD A PLASTIC JOB AFTER THE GOVERNMENT DEPORTED HIM TO ITALY!





Did BARELY FREED DEE DEE WHEN LIEU-TENANT ART CLYDE AND HIS BADGE BOYS ARRIVED TO TAKE CHARGE!

WE'D BEEN TAILING YOU EVER SINCE YOU LEFT THE HOTEL! THAT GIBBERING WRECK OF A HOTEL MANAGER YOU LEFT BEHIND TOLD US WHAT WAS IN THE WIND!

THIS IS A BIG DAY, ART! YOU'VE CAUGHT A BIG FISH.. JOHNNY LARRONE HIMSELF!



I THOUGHT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN EXILE! HE TRIED TO SNEAK BACK INTO THE COUNTRY, EH?

PROBABLY HIS UNDERWORLD EMPIRE NEEDED HIS PERSONAL TOUCH! DEE DEE SPOTTED HIM AT THE RACETRACK, THOUGH! HE HAD HER PURSE PINCHED TO FIND OUT WHO SHE WAS, AND PLOTTED TO GET RID OF HER!



I THOUGHT HE'D ALREADY KILLED YOU, HONEY! WHEN I SAW THAT BROOCH, AND THE DRIED BLOOD ON THE STICK-PIN...

OH, THAT? WHEN THEY GRABBED ME, I USED IT AS A WEAPON! AND I MUST SAY, IT PRODUCED A VERY SATISFACTORY HOWL!



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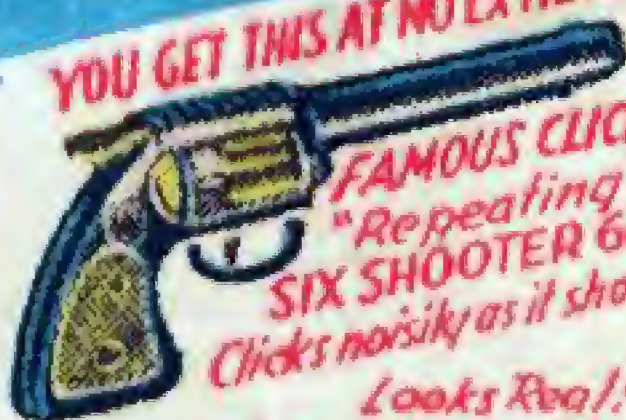
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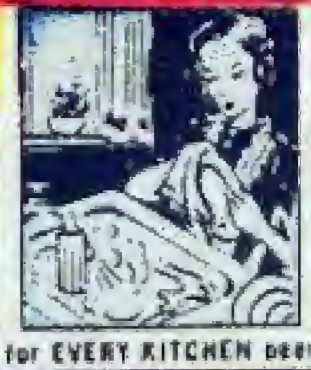
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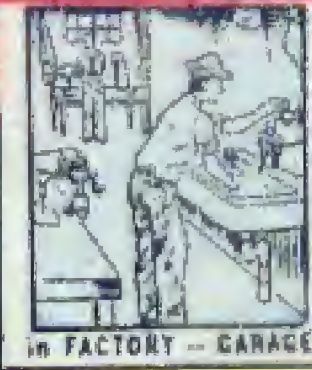
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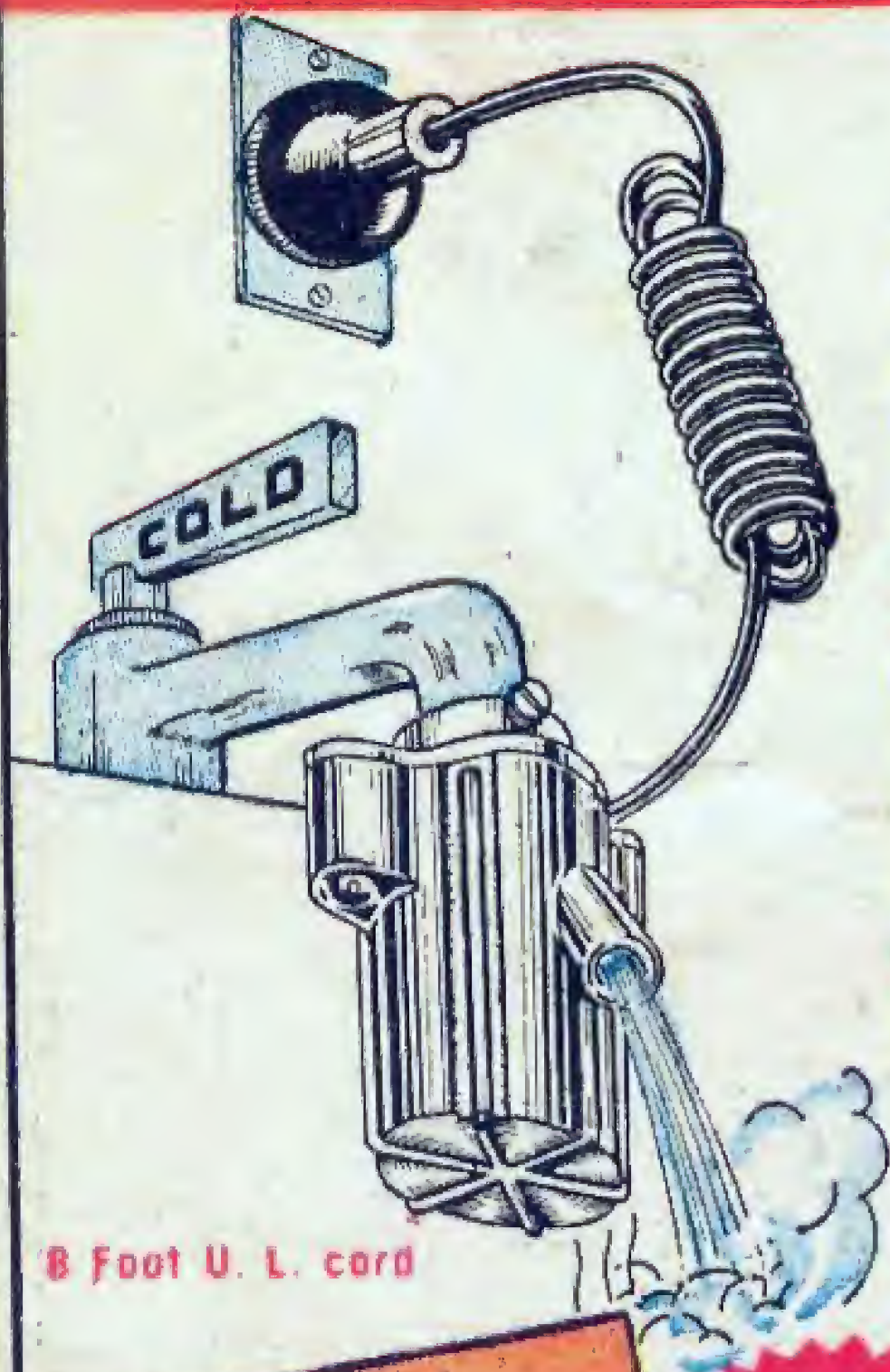
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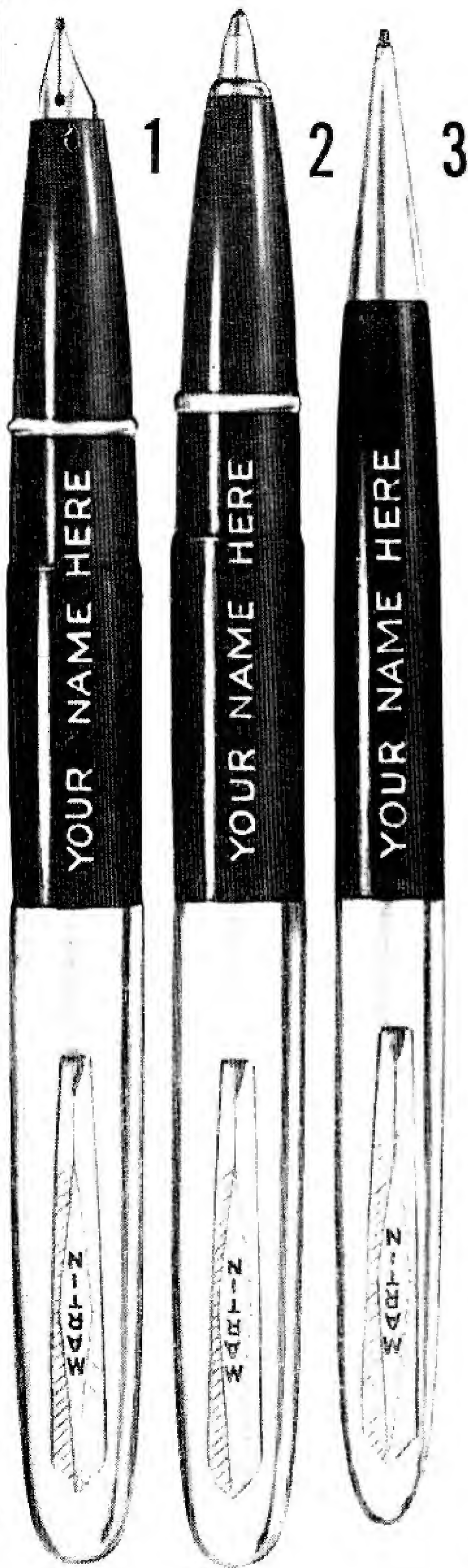
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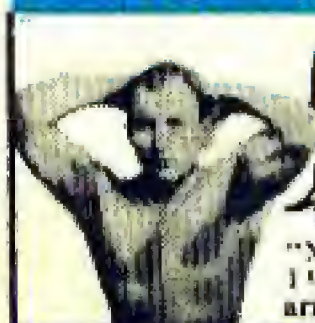


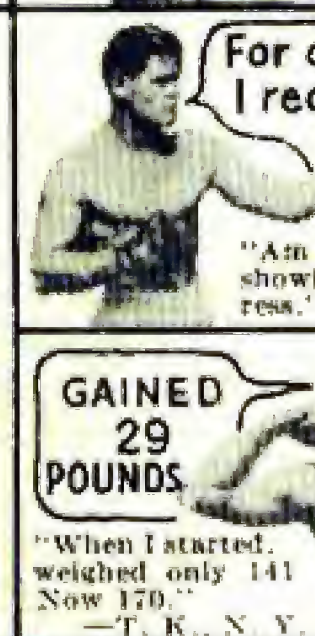
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